

# Welcome to St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Community



## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

Dirigiéndose a la multitud, dijo: "Eviten toda clase de avaricia, porque la vida del hombre no depende de la abundancia de los bienes que posea". - Lc 12, 15



**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

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**Attitude Adjustment.** Every few years there is a flurry of debate regarding rescinding or increasing of the long-term Capital Gains Tax. This tax affects, in general, the top income earners in our country. Some say it is unfair and punishes people who strive to be wealthy. Others maintain that it is necessary, though a meager attempt, at equalizing the economic responsibility for the goods and services our taxes fund.

One would think that such a debate would divide down economic lines with the clear majority being those who would never realize any significant long term Capital Gains and thus, not be affected by this tax. However, surveys have shown that both a large segment of the middle class and an even larger segment of the lower middle class support the abolishment of the Capital Gains Tax.

This is indeed odd because the abolishment of this tax would adversely affect those who are not affected by the tax. I'm not here to argue with the justice of this tax but rather to ponder why those who have no significant capital gains would favor the abolishment of this tax. This is even more intriguing if you consider that surveys have also shown that many who would benefit from the abolishment of this tax have lobbied for it not to be abolished.



It seems that wealth is not so much a matter of what is in the bank account but more a matter of a future perception that one day I might have enough to be plagued by this Capital Gains Tax. If this attitude on the part of the "have-nots" represents people's ideas about wealth, you don't have to be a rich farmer or a wealthy businessman or woman to appreciate the gospel story today.

It reminds us that wealth is more a matter of attitude towards possessions than actually having those possessions. In the gospel, the fault of the farmer is not that he has been blessed with wealth but that he obsesses about his blessings. He worries that he will not have enough in the distant future and so he hordes. In doing this he exhibits his underlying belief that he made it all happen. This faulty logic is suffered by the rich, the middle classes and the poor.

Wealth is not a bad thing, nor is striving to be wealthy. In the same way, the obverse, to live within one's means is not demeaning; and even to lack what others consider basic is not a moral fault. It is all about truly knowing by whose Hand we are blessed and by what we do with what we have. When possessions and wealth become the things we most desire then we are on the wrong path. When you or I feel that what I have is mine and it was by my effort that I made it happen, then we too are in for a rude awakening.

Jesus is trying to warn us not to be too sure about our status, our efforts or our rewards. He is telling us to place our trust in something more than our possessions. This is not easy for us to do; it is even harder for those who have less than others. Our lack of wealth does not make us any less susceptible to the temptation of believing that our possessions will ultimately make us happy.

The way we keep a balance is by giving. Giving from our wealth, our time and our talents in a sacrificial manner is the only way to open our hearts to God's lesson of trust. A person cannot want to love and not give to the object of their love. To love Jesus is to love His body, the Church of which we are all a part. To His body is to nurture the object of our love, His Church.

God loves you and me. God loves us so much he gives us every good thing. God nurtures us with the Body and Blood the Son, Jesus. When you and I nurture His Church, we imitate what God does for each of us.

The wealthy farmer in the gospel condemns himself to oblivion, not because of his wealth but because he cannot part with it in thanksgiving to God. He is unable to share because he trusts in himself and not in God. God forbid this be said of you or of me.

**Fun Fest 2025!** I wish to thank all those who organized this year's Fun Fest. The chairs: Robbie Hansen & Eric Guetzloff and all those who helped with the food and deserts; the Mega Raffle committee; the set up and take down people. Also, those who helped in the Beer Garden, the Bingo, the Las Vegas games, and the Car show. A special thanks to all the volunteers for the kid's games and other activities. Many thanks to all the parishioners, their families and friends who make our Mega Raffle and Fun Fest a wonderful event. Congratulations to all our Mega Raffle winners, your checks will be mailed on Thursday.

# Ministry Outreach

## Meet Cathy!



Cathy Bartczak  
Hospitality Minister

Cathy Bartczak has been a parishioner at St. Michael Parish for 24 years, having moved to Schererville from the southwest side of Chicago, where she was born and raised as a proud cradle Catholic. Hospitality was the first ministry she joined after being warmly welcomed at her first Mass. Encouraged by a ministry leader, she found Hospitality to be the perfect entry point to parish life. Cathy loves greeting parishioners, handing out worship aides, and offering a smile. A small gesture that can brighten someone's day. Though initially reserved and unsure of her time commitment, she found the role manageable and deeply rewarding. Over two decades, this ministry has helped her build lasting friendships, grow in faith, and feel at home in the St. Michael parish community. Cathy encourages others—especially newcomers and recent retirees—to try Hospitality, reminding them: **"You're already at Mass—why not get involved and meet the people around you?"**

## Chair Yoga



**August 1st  
8:00 AM  
St. Patrick Hall.  
Please call  
Ursula at  
219-741-3276 to  
register.**

## 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.

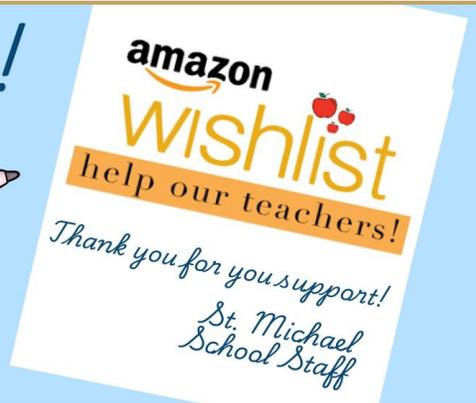


**Come and Spend Time with the Lord August 6th  
1:00—4:00 PM in the Chapel**

## Bless a Classroom!



Link can be found at [stmichaelparish.life/school](http://stmichaelparish.life/school)



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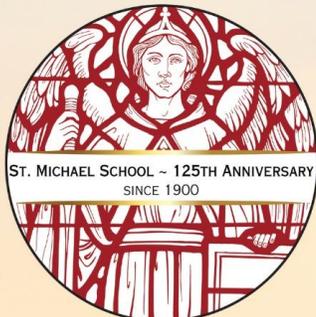


The St. Michael 125th Anniversary Committee would like to invite everyone to contribute their special photos helping us showcase the rich history of our school community throughout the past 125 years. From Communion celebrations and dedicated teachers to school events, sports teams, and everything in 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



## 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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## LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER



Greg Gatons, *Mary Ann Adam, Kathy Dinges, Soledad S., Jim Morehouse,* Gerry Scheub, *Helen & Tim Hazard,* Ruth Marie Sarros, *Joan Gillespie, Timothy Buncek, Gerry Heintz, Pat Matz,* Karen Dezarn, *Rose Ilgin, Jerry Palko* 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 Marion Devotions on August 10th at 8:00 PM in the cemetery at the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine.



Welcome the Newly Baptized

Nayeli Renee Zamora



### Want something in the bulletin?

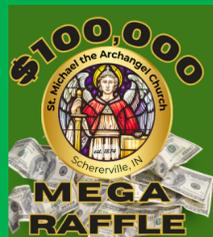
Hello all! My name is Joe Udani and I am the new bulletin editor for St. Michael Parish. If you want content put in the bulletin, please email me at [judani@stmichaelparish.life](mailto:judani@stmichaelparish.life). Please

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!

All Those 50+ Parishioner or Non-Parishioner



Please join us for our business meeting on August 12th at 10:00 AM in the SE meeting room where we will be planning for our fall activities. Save the date for our Medicare review meeting on September 9th at 10:00 AM in SPH. This is for all members of our parish and friends!



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!

St. Michael Parish  
**Festival**  
2025

**Thank you**  
to our Sponsors!





Radiate had a blast at SUMMER SQUIRT GUN FUN Night!  
Games + Water + Friends = GREAT TIMES!

Don't miss out on the fun.... Stay tuned for our upcoming schedule!  
All high school teens are invited to be a part of Radiate youth ministry.

Any questions? Please feel free to contact Mrs. Jeannine Quigley  
219-775-5356 or Mrs. Marisa Richardson 219-730-4735.

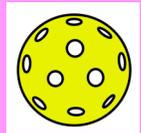


### Looking for a young adult community?

The St. Michael's Young Adult Group is the answer!  
Inspired by Roman's Chapter 1 verses 11-12, we young adults,  
ages 18 to 35, strive to build friendships, to encourage each other  
to live out our faith, and to support one another through prayer.

For our next gathering, we will meet at the Gates of St. John to  
play pickleball on Tuesday, August 5th at 6:45 PM!

Text or call AnnMarie Hemmerling at 219-798-3248  
for more info and to join our GroupMe!



# St. Michael Faith Formation News



### Important Dates

9th/10th: First Class/Parent Orientation in SMS gym, 6:00-7:30 PM

Sept 14th: First Family Class/Parent Orientation in SMS gym, 9:30-11:00 AM

Sept 16th/17th: Traditional Classes, 6:00-7:30 PM in SMS Classroom

**NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO.**

Faith Formation Classes are for all 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade school children.

### 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.



# Young Mothers Group

For New & Young Mothers with Children Under 5 yrs of age.  
Join us for a peaceful morning of companionship, conversation, and encouragement with other moms who understand the joys and challenges of this season.

**Wednesday, August 27, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM, St. Patrick Hall**

Whether you're a first-time mom or simply looking to connect, you're invited to come as you are — little ones and all!

For more information, contact Vanessa Merkle at [vmerkle85@gmail.com](mailto:vmerkle85@gmail.com).

## Stewardship in Action

Donate to charity what you no longer need. Make more space for God.

*-submitted by Conchita Bryner*

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## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

## Weekly Schedule

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

### SUNDAY AUGUST 3

Festival Clean Up, 12:30-8:00 PM, Grounds

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

### MONDAY AUGUST 4

Centering Prayer, 6:00-7:00 PM, SW Meeting Room

Marriage Prep, 6:30-8:00 PM, SE Meeting Room

Sports Advisory Board, 7:00-9:00 PM, St. Amand Room

### TUESDAY AUGUST 5

Mass and Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Devotion, 7:00-8:00 AM, Chapel

Labors of Love, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, SPH

Young Adult Group, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, SW Meeting Room

### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 6

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

### THURSDAY AUGUST 7

Our Lady of Guadalupe Meeting, 6:00-7:30 PM, SW Meeting Room

Cantor Practice, 7:00 PM, Church

### FRIDAY AUGUST 8

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

Respect Life Meeting, 1:30-2:00 PM, SPH

### SATURDAY AUGUST 9

Confessions, 3:15-4:30 PM, Chapel

125th Anniversary Gala Tickets, 4:30-6:00 PM, GS

### SUNDAY AUGUST 10

125th Anniversary Gala Tickets, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM, GS

OCIA, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM, SE and SW Meeting Rooms

Marion Devotions, 8:00-8:30 PM, Cemetery

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

**July 27th, 2025**

Adult	\$15576.00
Children	\$ 103.02
EFTs	\$ 3428.05
Loose	\$ 469.00

**Total Weekly Offering**  
**\$19,576.07**

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# Mass Intentions

## FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY AUGUST 2**  
**4:00 PM**      † Kyle Arnold

**SUNDAY AUGUST 3 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**7:30 AM**      St. Michael Parish

**9:30 AM**      † Mary Gerhan  
                  † Mattie Mannion Jr.  
                  † Arthur Janowski

**11:30 AM**      † Mike and Mary Starr

**MONDAY AUGUST 4**  
**7:00 AM**      † 2nd Anniversary of Henry Lyzn

**TUESDAY AUGUST 5**  
**7:00 AM**      † Kristin and John Finley

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 6**  
**7:00 AM**      † Ray Pawlicki

**THURSDAY AUGUST 7**  
**7:00 AM**      † Henry Sr. and Patricia Lyza

**FRIDAY AUGUST 8**  
**7:00 AM**      † Walter Zdonek

**SATURDAY AUGUST 9**  
**8:00 AM**      † Joseph Zaborske

**5:00 PM**      † Chandler Cowser

**SUNDAY AUGUST 10 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**7:30 AM**      † Evelyn Culp

**9:30 AM**      St. Michael Parish

**11:30 AM**      † John M. D’Souza  
                  † Donald Bohling  
                  † Elizabeth Oberman

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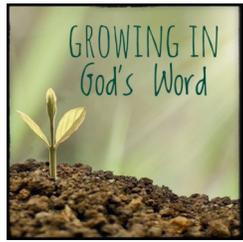


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*(Readings for August 10th, 2025, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

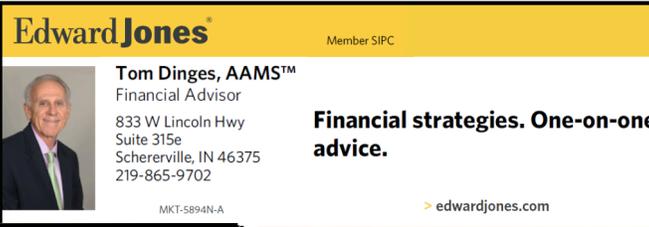
- I. *Wisdom 18:6-9*      The people of God awaited the salvation of the just with strong faith. They constantly offered sacrifice according to divine laws and carried out God’s word with one accord.
- II. *Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19*      God approves people because of their faith. Abraham obeyed God out of faith. As a result God assured that Abraham’s descendants would be “numerous as the stars in the sky.”
- III. *Luke 12:32-48*      Jesus encouraged the disciples to place their trust in God’s reign and live less anxiously about earthly things. He warned them to be prepared for the return of the master who would come when least expected.



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