



AUGUST 20, 2023

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's
daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28



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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From the Pastor's Desk

Learning leads us to God. To be a human being is to be a learner. There is no human who is born who does not have to learn how to eat, drink and get dressed. We also learn how to love, and sadly, how to hate. We learn how to walk, talk, study, earn a living, raise children and care for others. You and I are forever learners learning how to live, to succeed, to suffer and hopefully learning how to die.

We must always remember that Jesus was both 100% God and 100% man. How this is balanced is far beyond our simple comprehension. Suffice to say, that in order for Jesus to truly experience His full humanity, He too had to learn like we do. He certainly was probably more reflective than you and I as a learner but nonetheless He was a learner like you and me. He learned how to eat, walk, write, study and read. He learned how to love and how to be open to God's will. He learned a trade and later in His ministry He learned, as time went on, just exactly what His Father was calling Him to do.

Today's Gospel story is one of those stories that is hard to hear. Jesus seems to be less than respectful of this Greek woman who was not a Hebrew. She was not one of God's chosen ones whom Jesus had come to bring back to God. Many biblical commentators have for centuries tried in one way or another to explain away what appears to us as plain old rudeness on the part of Jesus. Yet, when we keep in mind Jesus' nature (100% Divine and 100% human) we might see another side to this story.

Jesus knew He was God's chosen one. He had come to discern this fact but as it is presented in Matthew's Gospel (pretty much up to this point) Jesus sees Himself as one who comes only for the lost sheep of Israel. This is not an unreasonable assumption on Jesus' part being raised as a Hebrew who would have had limited contact with non-believers. But this woman, this brave woman, challenges Jesus' notion. She says: "even the dogs get the scraps from the master's table." Does Jesus bristle at this woman's forward answer? Does Jesus ignore her witty comment? NO! Jesus is struck by her persistence. Now in all honesty, you and I would probably have been irritated with this pushy woman. Jesus does a full 180° and gladly grants the woman's request. Jesus from this point on in Matthew's Gospel sees His mission as much broader than the lost sheep of Israel. Jesus, after this experience, now understands His mission to be universal.

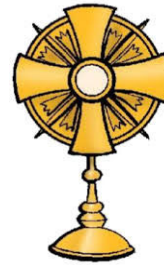


This does not deny Jesus' Divine nature but rather reaffirms for us the ability of our human nature to be open to God's will. It gives us hope that if Jesus could be confronted and, in that confrontation, arrive at a deeper realization of His Divine mission; we too can change what seems like a confrontation into an invitation. You and I often have our preconceived notions about others, co-workers, neighbors, even family members. There is hope for us if we are open like Jesus was to God's will, not our limited notions of what God's will is for us. To be open like Jesus, to be a learner like Jesus helps us to see the world around us differently.

Jesus teaches us how to learn by His example just like He teaches us how to suffer, how to die and how to live. Praise God that He was so willing to lay aside the affects of His Divinity in Jesus. In doing this, He becomes one with us, His creatures, and by His own life here among us as Jesus of Nazareth, He learns as we do. He does this to teach us how to learn to be fully human so that we could share in His Divinity.



***Celebrate and Deepen Your
Relationship with Mary,
the Mother of God
Marian Devotions
August 27th at 8:00 PM
Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine***



**Eucharistic
Adoration
August 23rd
1:00-4:00 PM
in the Chapel**

SAVE THE DATE

**Monday, September 25th
6:00-8:30 PM - St. Patrick Hall
*Theology Uncorked Returns***

**Presenter: Father Marty Dobryzinski
More Information to follow**



Attention Lay Liturgical Ministers!

It is time to create the new schedule of the Lay Liturgical Ministers. This schedule will include the Autumn Days of Ordinary Time and will run **September 30th-November 26th**. If you are not available for the new schedule or need to make a change, please contact your Ministry Coordinator. The new schedule will be available on September 20th.

If you need to be removed or request a change on the new schedule you must contact your coordinator:

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Thanks for sharing your time and talents with our community!

ALPHA KICK-OFF PARTY SEPTEMBER 6TH

7:00-9:00 PM IN ST. PATRICK HALL

**TOPIC: "IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?"
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Annual Golf Outing**

August 27th at Scherwood Golf

11:00 AM Registration

12:00 PM Shotgun start

BBQ dinner to follow golf

\$75 per golfer

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or call 219-713-5472

SMS & Faith Formation News

Michelle Wacnik, Principal

Kimberley Hoogeveen, DRE



**Welcome Back Event
for SMS K-8 Students**

August 20th 1:00-3:00 PM

Kuna Ice in the Parking Lot

Meet the Teacher

Student Supply Drop Off



Preschool Orientation

August 20th

E/C 3/4 year olds

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

PK 4/5 year olds

12:00-1:00 PM



Faith Formation

Register today!! Forms are available online.

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**If you have any questions,
please call the Faith Formation office**

at 219-322-3077 or email

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Our AUGUST gathering.... August 20th

6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Dip-N-Share NIGHT.... Bring your favorite dip and chips to share. Don't forget a Recipe!

We will also PLAN for our upcoming Radiate year....
Bring your ideas!

TALKIN' ABOUT TOPICS

Bring your favorite
DIP TO SHARE!
(AND RECIPE TOO)

at Radiate

Sun, Aug 20 (6-8pm)



ARE YOU INTERESTED in NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) held in Indianapolis this November? **It's not too late---NOW is the time to Register!** Check out website for more information: www.NCYC.us. Call Jeannine Quigley to register and for more details: 219-775-5356.

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Penelope Arlinda Castro
Samuel John Corando Gonzalez
Madeline Grace Almanza
Ava Marie Kuchar



LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

*Ed Cook, Virginia O'boy, Violet Malone, Maureen Bartok, **Francisco Flores, Mary Makarowski, Helen and Tim Hazard, Mary Ann Adam, Kelly Kuhn, Susan Olszewski, John Madrigal, Kenneth Pannell,** , Paul Carlos, **Cyndy Wilson, Audrey Weber** 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.



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As always we appreciate your generosity and we sincerely thank your for your support.



Bereavement Sessions (Ministry of Consolation and Hope)
Thursdays, September 28th - November 9th 7:00-8:30 PM
Registration prior to September 24th is Necessary

During these grief sessions, you will be actively listened to and nonjudgmental support will be offered. As you grieve the loss of a loved one, trained ministers will be present to assist you by giving you tools that will help you move forward in life. You will receive suggestions regarding coping techniques, ideas to overcome obstacles and help to adjust to life after loss. For more information and/or to register, **please call Janice at 219-322-4505, ext. 8241.**



Rebuilding Hope Mission Team Lends a Helping Hand

St. Michael's Rebuilding Hope Mission Team volunteered at Campagna Academy and helped with projects as they transition to the new Gibault management team.

Pictured left to right in the front row is John Dubec, Pat Koeling, Cathy Bartczak, Kathy Molnar, Carolyn Gabor, and Kathy Modrezejewski. Back row is Jim Koeling, Rob Olson, Sharon Vail, Paul West, Rick Lisak, and Bryan Frank.

If you would like to participate in projects such as these with St. Michael's Rebuilding Hope Mission



Team, please contact the St Michael's parish office at 219-322-4505.



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!



**ALL SENIORS, 50+,
PARISHIONER OR NON-PARISHIONER
August 22nd at 10:00 AM
in SE room of St. Patrick Hall
Join us for our guest speaker, Fr. Robert Ross.**

September 9th: 5K Run/Walk for Hunger at St. Maria Goretti. For more details and registration, please contact Karen Boyle at 219-865-5482 or register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Dyer/SMGRUNWALK4HUNGER>.

September 26th: Barbara Rossi will speak on Medicare changes.

submitted by Carol Rusich

**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**



A Special Request

Sr. Colleen will be celebrating her 91st birthday on August 29th. If you are a parishioner who remembers Sr. Colleen or a former student of hers, could you please take the time to send her some birthday wishes?

Please send cards to:
Sister Colleen Loehmer
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Stewardship by the Book

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and His call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?

Stewardship in Action

How can you reach out to others and include them in your faith; who would you like to invite?

Submitted by Conchita Bryner



July 9, 2023

Adult	\$12,225.35
Children	\$5.00
EFTs	\$7,427.00
Loose	\$722.00

**Total Weekly Offering
\$20,379.35**

Thank you for your generosity!



**New Member Registration
August 20th
After the 7:30 & 9:30 AM
Masses in St. Patrick Hall**



Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY AUGUST 20

Blood Pressure Readings After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
New Member Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM
Radiate 6:00 PM

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

MONDAY AUGUST 21

Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM

TUESDAY AUGUST 22

GEMS 10:00 AM

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM

SATURDAY AUGUST 26

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

SUNDAY AUGUST 27

RCIA 9:30 AM
Marian Devotions 8:00 PM

LEARNING ANOTHER LANGUAGE

Registration for the St. Margaret Ann Polish Language School's 2023-2024 term will be 11:00 AM To 2:00 PM on **August. 20th**, in Millennium Hall, located on the grounds of the Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine, 5755 Pennsylvania St., in Merrillville. Classes are held at the Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church in Merrillville. For more information about the school and tuition costs, call Malgosia Blachut at 219-613-5148.

SACRED JOURNEY TO PEACE

With a focus on Franciscan spirituality, the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart invite the public to journey with them on a pilgrimage to the sacred spaces on their campus, St. Francis Woods, on **September 10th**, 3:00-5:00 PM. For those with physical limitations, the same program will be replicated indoors in the auditorium. Please meet at the Motherhouse Library at 3:00 PM. May this journey be a call to learn and live as God desires! This event is free and open to the public. *Registration is needed by August 31st* for setup, materials and refreshments. To register, please go to fssh.net, choose the CONNECT menu and select ATTEND EVENTS to find "Sacred Journey to Peace."



FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY PROGRAM

A Franciscan Spirituality Program will be offered in-person by the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, **September 2023-May 2024**, at St. Francis Woods, 9201 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, IL. Beginning on **September 13th**, it will be held in the Assisi Center on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM. The text will be *In the Footsteps of Francis and Clare* by Roch Niemier, OFM. To register, please visit fssh.net, choose the CONNECT menu and select ATTEND EVENTS to find the program's registration page. *Please submit registration by August 30th.*

STM CAREER NETWORKING GROUP

On **September 13th**, 7:00 PM-8:30 PM, the STM Career Networking Group will have guest speaker, Deacon Joe Stodola, talk about the topic, *How Can Prayer Help*. The meeting will be held in the Weis Center, 8635 Calumet Ave, Munster. This is FREE and open to all those who are unemployed (in transition), new to the job market, change careers or who can offer employment opportunities through their current professional connections.

*FSSH GOLF OUTING

The Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart are in full swing for this year's Golf Outing on **September 18th** at George Dunn National Golf Course. Enjoy games, contests and giveaways. Lunch, bottomless beverages and dinner are included, all while furthering the Sisters' ministries. \$100 per golfer. 1:00 PM shotgun start. Details and registration at <https://fssh.net/give/>. If you have any questions, please contact Vallerie Wonders at 815-464-3841.

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.helpafterabortion.net.

SIP SAVOR SUPPORT

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.



*CAMPERS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Share Foundation is looking for new campers and volunteers to join our camp program at Camp Sharing Meadows! The unique minicamps (retreats) are held in LaPorte, IN and are for adults with developmental & intellectual disabilities (ages 18 years and older). There are openings available to new campers for our fall minicamps: **Oct. 20th-22nd, Nov. 10th-12th and Dec. 15th-17th**. We also have openings for camp counselors, nurses and cooks with some nice perks that we can explain in detail! Come join us for a weekend full of adventure! For more information and application information, call or email, Corinne DeLucenay, at 219-778-2585 or camp@sharefoundation.org.





Mass Intentions

SATURDAY AUGUST 19

5:00 PM †Larry Zemkewicz

SUNDAY AUGUST 20 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM St. Michael Parish
9:30 AM For an End to Abortion on Demand
and for a Conversion of Heart for
those who Provide Abortions

11:30 AM †Richard Kalembo
†MaryAnn Vanes
†Norman Vanes

MONDAY AUGUST 21

7:00 AM †Joseph Voza

TUESDAY AUGUST 22

7:00 AM †Greg Mis

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23

7:00 AM †Stacy Austgen

THURSDAY AUGUST 24

7:00 AM †Ralph Grau
†Mike Giese

FRIDAY AUGUST 25

7:00 AM †Julia Drabik
†Bernice Doppler
†Gerald Verdeyen

SATURDAY AUGUST 26

8:00 AM †Joseph Zaborske
5:00 PM †Chandler Cowser

SUNDAY AUGUST 27 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM St. Michael Parish
9:30 AM Ed & Kathy Fesenmyer-60th
Wedding Anniversary
†Rupert Leluga
†Richard Tapel
11:30 AM †Dennis Miller



†indicates deceased

reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for August 27, 2023, the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

I. *Isaiah 22:19-23*

The Lord's servant will receive the key of the House of David. What the servant does, God confirms.

II. *Romans 11:33-36*

The riches, wisdom and knowledge of God are too deep for humans to fathom. God's judgments are inscrutable and unsearchable. All things come from God, through God and for God.

III. *Matthew 16:13-20*

At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Upon this rock I will build my church." Then He gave to Peter the keys to heaven's reign. Finally, Jesus ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that He was the Christ.

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