



AUGUST 27, 2023

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16



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

It's All About the Keys. Getting the keys to the family car for the first time is a rite of passage. In order to be given the keys to the family car, you have had to demonstrate some measure of responsibility and good judgement. It has been suggested that this rite of passage should be commemorated in some quasi-sacramental fashion. Perhaps it should, because the act of receiving keys, as a sign of authority of responsibility, has deep biblical roots.

In the time of the prophet Isaiah, as is today, receiving the keys is a very practical reality. Isaiah speaks of the rejection of Shebna, steward of the King's treasury which includes the food stores of grain, etc. Shebna is fired because he has misused his position; he has forgotten whom he is charged to serve. Thus, the keys to his realm will be removed and given to another, to Eliakim. It wasn't simply that he used his office to engage in fraudulent behavior, he forgot who raised him to such a position. In his willful forgetfulness, he ignored his responsibility to care for those under his protection.

When Peter responds to Jesus' question: "Who do people say I am?," he is able to offer the revelation that He is the Son of God. He was able to do this not because he is smarter than the rest, but because he is open to God's will/revelation. Notice what Jesus says after Peter speaks, He says: "Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father." In other words, "You didn't figure this out, Peter, but you were open to God showing this to you."



Then Peter is entrusted with the keys, the authority to open or shut, to bind or loosen. This authority is given to him as a responsibility based upon his openness to the will/revelation of God. When Jesus gives this to Peter, He gives it to the Church, of which Peter is a symbol. So that power is handed down through the Church in the primary pastors of the Church, the bishops, Christ's Shepherds. This power to bind and loosen, to set disciplines and rules, and the authority to dispense, when necessary, from such disciplines, rests in the successors of Peter, the bishops in union with the Bishop of Rome, the Pope. Indeed, Jesus says that whatever is bound on earth is bound in heaven and what ever is loosed on earth is loosed in heaven. Extraordinary!

This authority rests on the necessary obedience to God's will. The Pope cannot legislate something that would be contrary to God's will as revealed in Jesus Christ. We witness this authority when the priest, who is given the ability by his Bishop, forgives sins in the name of the Church and God. We also experience this authority when the Bishop issues a dispensation from some statute or discipline of the Church. Most recently, this has happened with the dispensation to be excused from the obligation to attend Sunday Eucharist (Mass). The Bishop cannot dispense from keeping Sunday because, that is a law of God revealed in the Scripture. In the interest of public health, a concern rooted in love of neighbor, the Bishops gave permission to forego public Mass for a time. Once the public health threat has been reduced, the permission is rescinded.

We are once again "bound" to keep the Lord's Day by celebrating the Holy Mass. Not to do so is a mortal sin. This binding and loosening is the very direct gift of the Father through Jesus to His Church, to its Shepherds. This is not about fickle opinion or personal taste or sensibilities. You and I are held in holy obedience to Christ as He reveals His will through His Shepherds.

The Keys to the Kingdom are not magic, they are a responsibility Christ gives to His Church, to His Shepherds, the Bishops. It is given in order that the Church can judge the signs of the times in the light of the Gospel and so adjust its disciplines in order to accomplish the ultimate goal which is to lead us all in holiness to the Father's Kingdom.



PREPARING FOR OUR FEAST DAY CELEBRATION



St. Michael Parish will be celebrating the Feast Day of St. Michael on September 24th. We will have Eucharistic Adoration starting after the 11:30 AM Mass. Please see the list below for suggested times so we can be assured that there is someone present all day. All parishioners are encouraged to visit our Eucharistic Savior. There will be coffee and donuts after each of the Sunday Masses. Then at 4:30 PM, there will be Evening Prayer and Benediction with a dinner to follow.

Times for Eucharistic Adoration

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM

Last Names Starting V-Z
Cross Bearers
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
Hospitality Ministers
Music Ministry

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Last Names Starting P-R
Ministers of Care
Ministry of Consolation & Hope
Senior GEMS
Welcoming Ministry

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Last Names Starting J-L
Lectors
Sacristans
Centering Prayer Ministry
Cemetery Committee
Liturgy Committee

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Last Names Starting D-F
Art & Environment
Ministers
Comforting Chefs
Money Counting Ministry
Parish Nurses

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Last Names Starting S-U
Finance Council Members
Gardener Ministry
Good Samaritans
Knights of Columbus
Emotions Anonymous

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Last Names Starting M-O
Faith Formation Catechists & Assistants
RCIA Team Members
Respect Life Ministers
Adult Education Ministry
Alpha

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Last Names Starting G-I
Festival Committee
Pastoral Council Members
Rebuilding Hope Mission Team
Wheelchair Ramp Ministry

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Last Names Starting A-C
Altar Servers
RADIATE Youth Ministry
Scouts
Labors of Love Ministers
Baptism/Marriage Prep
Ministries

Leading up to the Celebration of our Feast Day on September 24th, each week we are highlighting various commissions and the related ministries. You can find more information about each of the ministries in the Gathering Space during their designated week. Below is the scheduled list of ministries that will be highlighted each week. In the pews you can find ministry cards. Please take time this month to review the wide variety of ministries available within our parish and listen to that small voice that is calling you. There is something for everyone! You have talents that can make a difference; stop by and talk to a member of the ministry and most importantly please sign up! Give your gifts / talents in glory of God because it is in Giving that we Receive!

August 26th/27th – Comforting Chefs, Knights of Columbus, Boy Scouts, Parish Festival, Senior Gems, Parish Gardeners and Cemetery Commission

September 2nd/3rd – Consolation & Hope, Emotions Anonymous, Good Samaritans, Labor of Love, Parish Nursing, Rebuilding Hope, Respect Life

September 9th/10th – Altar Servers, Art & Environment, Cross Bearers, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality, Lectors, Ministers of Care, Music Ministry, Prayer Ministry, RCIA

September 16th/17th – Adult Catholic Education, Baptismal Preparation, Catholic Bible Study, Faith Formation, Marriage Preparation, Youth Ministry, Alpha

submitted by Conchita Bryner

On St Michael’s Feast Day, ten children will be received into “Full Communion.” These children have been baptized and through the RCIA, they will receive the final initiation Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. During this final preparation time, I would like to invite you to pray for them and their families. Also, please mark you calendars and come to “Coffee and Donuts” on September 24th after the 9:30 AM Mass and welcome them and their families to our Parish Family.



Alex Brown is ten years old. He states, “I like playing video games. I live in Schererville and I go to Grimmer Middle School. I like sports. I was on my school’s robotics team.”

Michael Brown is ten years old. He states, “I like school and reading. I like playing video games. I live in Schererville and I go to Grimmer Middle School. I was on my school’s Student Council and Spell Bowl Team.”

submitted by Carol Schiessle (RCIA Catechist)



BACK TO SCHOOL LŪ'AU



SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 – 5:00PM–9:00PM

ADULTS: \$60

KIDS: \$30

18 AND UNDER



Join us for this **NEW St. Michael Catholic School** annual Back to School Luau fundraiser! On September 23, 2023 from 5:00pm–9:00pm in the parking lot of SMS, all are invited for this night of delicious food, cash bar, **LIVE** entertainment, and a variety of games for all ages!

BEYOND CATERING WILL BE PROVIDING GOURMET FOOD INCLUDING:

- HAWAIIAN LUAU PIG ROAST
- TORTILLA CHIPS WITH MANGO SALSA
- SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN SKEWERS
- BBQ SALMON WITH CITRUS AND CILANTRO
- TROPICAL FRUIT
- ISLAND RICE
- WHITE CHOCOLATE MACADAMIA COOKIES



OUR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE EVENING WILL BE ALOHA CHICAGO!



WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS NEW EVENT!

WELCOME BACK! It's time to "RADIATE" with us!

All high school teens are welcome and encouraged to join us. We've got a lot of great things coming up this year and we'd love for you to join us! Some exciting topics that our teens came up with are: *Lasting Friendships & Losing Friends / Zig E's outing / Heritage Food Night / Adoration with our Lord / Serving our Parish / Eucharist and so much more!*

Come walk with us as we continue our Faith Life in high school through FUN, FAITH, FRIENDSHIP, and FOOD!

Save the dates:

September 10th: Gathering in St Patrick Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM

October 1st: Gathering in St Patrick Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM

October 8th: Gathering in St Patrick Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM

October 29th: HALLOWEEN PARTY, 6:00-8:00 PM



For Those Who Have Died...

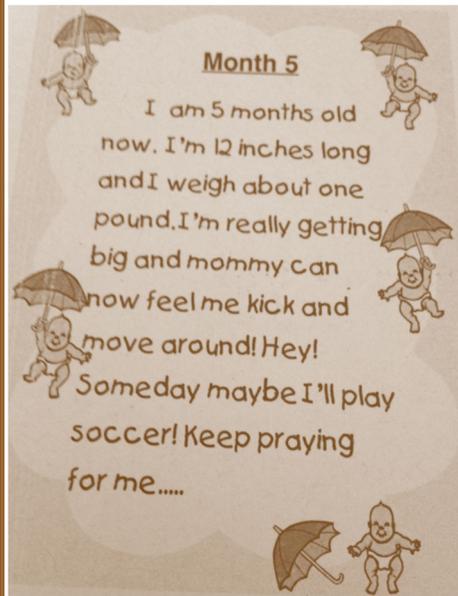
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Luise Baldin

Life has changed, not ended

LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER



Spiritual Adoption Program



Please remember to pray daily for your Spiritual Adopted baby and the baby's mother and father.

During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God but in the world to come it is hoped you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend eternal happiness with them.

"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen *Submitted by Cathy Bartczak*

Mary Ann Adam, Kelly Kuhn, Susan Olszewski, John Madrigal, Kenneth Pannell, Paul Carlos, Cyndy Wilson, Audrey Weber, Steven DeLuca, Shirley Miller, Deb Petersen 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.

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.**





Faith Formation Registration

stmichaelparish.life
If you have any questions,
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at 219-322-3077 or email
khoogeveen@stmichaelparish.life

SCHOOL SUPPLY APPEAL

pencils
folders
printing paper
gluesticks
scissors
crayons
backpacks
notebooks
pens



hand sanitizer are just a few of the items needed. Please drop off in the Good Samaritans chest in the Gathering Space by Labor Day weekend. As always we appreciate your generosity and we sincerely thank your for your support.

Submitted by Sue Cohen

Just for Seniors 50+

MEET THE NEW CHAIR OF OUR MINISTRY



DORIS GALINSKI

SEPTEMBER 12TH at 10:00 AM
in St. Patrick Hall

September 22nd: Bus Trip to Saugatuck, MI offered by the Town of Schererville. More details at <http://www.schererville.org>.

September 26th: Barbara Rossi will present changes to Medicare. No registration required.

submitted by Carol Rusich



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THE GOOD SAMARITANS

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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!

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LABOR DAY MASS (09/04/23)
9:00 AM ON MT. CALVARY



BELL CHOIR LOOKING FOR MEMBERS 4TH GRADE AND UP ADULTS INCLUDED FIRST PRACTICE WILL BE SEPTEMBER 8TH 6:00-7:00 PM

ALPHA KICK-OFF PARTY
SEPTEMBER 6TH
7:00-9:00 PM IN
ST. PATRICK HALL
JOIN US FOR A MEAL, SHORT VIDEO AND DISCUSSION
BRING A FRIEND!



Stewardship by the Book

In today's reading, St. Paul reminds the Romans -and us-that all things come from God. "For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are." Good stewards understand that all is gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent and treasure with which they've been blessed.

The Gifts of Stewardship



THEOLOGY UNCORKED

Monday, September 25th

6:00-8:30 PM - St. Patrick Hall

Presenter: Fr. Marty Dobryzinski
 Topic-Questioning Beliefs
 As Catholics?

Prior to the event we will have a box on the table for questions you would like Father Marty to address

Signup: weekends of 9/10, 9/17, 9/24

Stewardship in Action

Join a faith or study group in the parish.
Submitted by Conchita Bryner

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the weekly offering and GIFT campaign updates will not be posted this week.
 We apologize for the inconvenience.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY AUGUST 27

RCIA 9:30 AM
 Marian Devotions 8:00 PM

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

MONDAY AUGUST 28

Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM
 Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00 PM

TUESDAY AUGUST 29

Marriage Prep 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 30

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2

First Saturday Devotions After 8:00 AM Mass
 Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
 Second Collection at Vigil Mass-Habitat for Humanity

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3

Second Collection at All Masses-Habitat for Humanity
 RCIA 9:30 AM

*denotes new article

*HELPING THE COMMUNITY

Not familiar with Love Inc. of Greater Hammond? We are the local agency that provides furniture, linens, kitchen items, toiletries, baby items (diapers, wipes, etc.), back to school backpacks, Thanksgiving dinners and angel tree to our community neighbors in need. Do you know of someone that can use our services? Please feel free to refer them to us (219) 923-2775. We love to love our neighbors!

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 26

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
†Dennis Miller

11:30 AM

MONDAY AUGUST 28

7:00 AM †Deacon Jack Krol

TUESDAY AUGUST 29

7:00 AM †Hedy Miloshoff

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 30

7:00 AM †Eric Burrell
8:55 AM All Souls

THURSDAY AUGUST 31

7:00 AM †Bill Salas

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1

7:00 AM †Chuck Cary

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2

8:00 AM All Souls
5:00 PM †Kyle N. Arnold

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

9:30 AM St. Michael Parish
11:30 AM †MaryAnn Vanes
†John & Helen Sandor

† indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for September 3, 2023, the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

I. *Jeremiah 20:7-9*

Jeremiah only reluctantly spoke God's prophetic word. He tried to hold back, but the word burned like fire in his heart.

II. *Romans 12:1-2*

Paul urged the Romans to offer their bodies to God as a living sacrifice and not to conform to this age but to be transformed by God.

III. *Matthew 16:21-27*

Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."

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