

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**10 SEPTEMBER
2023**



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.” - Mt 18:15



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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Faith Formation
Marriage Preparation
Radiate

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Parish Gardeners
Stewardship
Parish Life
Boy Scouts of America
Comforting Chefs
Emotions Anonymous
Festival Committee
Holy Name Society
Knights of Columbus
Ministry of Hope & Consolation
Parish Nurse
Senior GEMS
Welcoming Ministry

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Good Samaritans
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From the Pastor's Desk

Authority, Love, Mercy. There are very few people who actually make it their life's endeavor to do what is wrong. Most of us want to do the right. What gets in the way is the misleading belief that my point of view is the only point of view. Now, I am not justifying the moral quagmire of situation ethics but rather the temptation to be unwilling to see another's perspective. The most dangerous people can be those who are convinced of their own moral rectitude and the rightness of their position. There is a thin line between persistence and rigid determinism. That difference is mediated by love.

St. Paul reminds us that "Love does no evil to the neighbor." Gandhi, Martin Luther King and Mother Theresa exhibit persistence. Though determined to confront what they considered injustice, it was their persistence that allowed them to not lose sight of their neighbor. Consequently, they have exercised great authority. Imperial Britain was persistent in its belief that they were called to civilize the native population of India; however, their persistence was expressed in a determination that was intolerant of the ones they came to civilize. Consequently, their authority was undermined.

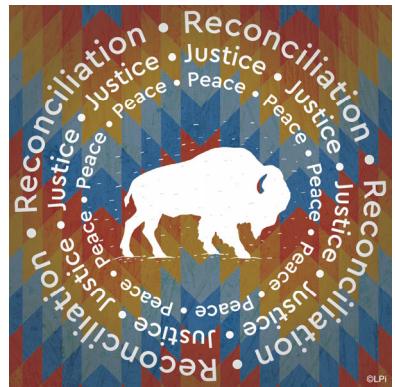
In the Gospel, we hear repeated the authority the Jesus gives to His Church, the authority to bid and to loosen. This authority is central to Jesus' own ministry. Jesus forgives sins. He does this as integral to the proclamation of the Kingdom. Consequently, it would make no sense for this nucleus of Jesus' ministry to end with His earthly-bodily presence. Rather, Jesus imparts this power to His followers, particularly the apostles to act in His name.

Thus, to forgive sins in Christ's name is to do so as Christ intends. Christ's intentions are made known in the Scriptures and in the power He gives to His apostles, His Church. The Church acts in Christ's name because it is the physical manifestation of Christ in the world.

The Church derives no power on its own; it comes from the Son, who obedient to the Father, bestows upon His followers the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness is imparted by the Holy Spirit, but it is by necessity and Divine Will administered by Christ's Body the Church. This is why to be reconciled is not just to some individual spiritual/mental idea about God's mercy for me; it is concrete and is lived out in reconciliation to the Church the Living Body of Christ. And this happens in the Sacrament of Penance.

In addition to this, you and I are called to live in the spirit of the reconciliation we have so undeservingly been given. We cannot receive this great gift and not offer it to others in our life. Not just those closest to us but even those who live a half a world away. Jesus gives us this authority to be a people, His disciples, rooted in reconciliation.

The reason such authority is given is for us to live lives in a constant spirit of mercy, treating friend and foe with the same equal mercy as we have received. Authority is there to be the equalizer. Indeed when there is an injustice that is supported by authority, that authority loses credibility. Such authority cannot stand unless it "equalizes" the situation once again.



Authority is not defined by physical power or strength but by naming what is and what is not. Authority cannot be true to its mission if it does not recognize a higher authority to which it must answer. In a Democracy, it might be the people, but for the people it needs to be beyond them as well, some philosophy usually. For Christians, it must be the Word of God made Flesh, Jesus Christ. The word of the Bible cannot be separated from the Living Word of God. All recourse then must lay in the Word of God.

What Jesus gives to us, His forgiveness, we must give to others, friend and foe, otherwise we cannot be called children of God and brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus. Sometimes this may take years for someone, but you need to be on that road towards forgiving and not sidetracked on the road to hardness of heart.



PENANCE SERVICE SEPTEMBER 12TH 7:00 PM



Celebrate and Deepen Your
Relationship with Mary,
the Mother of God
Marian Devotions
September 10th & 24th
7:15 PM
Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

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.

Lectors: Carol Schiessle 322-4505 ext. 8262
Hospitality Ministers: Rob Olson 689-4757
EMHCs: Gary Wolfe 678-1332
Altar Servers: Deacon Ron Pyle 742-8263
Cross Bearers: Steve Sieracki 730-8200

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with our community!

Catholic Bible Study is Back!

The Gospel of John

7:00-8:15 PM in St. Patrick Hall

\$20 for 1 session, \$40 for 2 Sessions

Have you always wanted to learn about the Sacred Scriptures, but you didn't know where to start? Join Catholic Bible Study! Starting on October 3rd, we will be studying the Gospel of John.

Registration will take place AFTER the 5:00 PM, 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses and BEFORE 11:30 AM Mass the weekends of September 16th/17th and 23rd/24th. Sign up for one or both sessions! **You must register by September 24th so materials can be ordered for you.**

All sessions are held on Tuesdays, **October 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th** for John, Part 1. Spring dates for John Part 2 will be announced later.

Need more information?

Call Linda Hansen (219-322-1717) or Deacon Ron Pyle (219-742-8263).

September 9th/10th – Altar Servers, Art & Environment, Cross Bearers, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality, Lectors, Ministers of Care, Music Ministry, Prayer Ministry, RCIA
If you have any questions or would like to join these ministries, please stop by the tables in the Gathering Space.

Monday, September 25th—6:00-8:30 PM - St. Patrick Hall



Theology Uncorked - Registration Necessary

Topic: “Questioning Beliefs as Catholics?”

Presenter: Father Marty Dobryzinski 7:00PM—8:30 PM

Registration Sept, 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th after all Masses

or call 219-322-4505, ext. 8241 (Box available for written questions for evening)

Wine, water and Pop will be available—Please bring own snacks

CONFERENCE '23

Our Hearts Are Burning Within Us: Journeying with Jesus in Ministry

Arde Nuestro Corazón: Caminando Juntos con Jesús en el Ministerio

Training and Renewal for Lectors • RCIA
EMHCs • Ministers of Care • Music Ministers
Art & Environment • Hospitality/Greeters • Deacons

REGISTER NOW! ¡REGISTRATE AHORA!

>> dgcary.org/event/conference-23 <<



October 27-28

St. Michael the Archangel Parish • 1 E. Wilhelm Street • Schererville, IN 46375



Feast Day Schedule September 24th

Coffee and Donuts after all Masses
Eucharistic Adoration starting after 11:30 AM Mass
see schedule below
Evening Prayer and Benediction starts at 4:30 PM
Dinner in St. Patrick Hall to follow

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

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM

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

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

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

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

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

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

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

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



Marriage Tune-Up



Chase Lowden
Financial Advisor & Parishioner



Event Date: Thursday, October, 5th 6:30pm-7:30pm

Location: St. Patrick Hall

On-site childcare will be available (upon request)

Refreshments and snacks provided

Organized By: Marriage Preparation Team

R.S.V.P. by October 1st to Kathryn Sanders 219-201-1172



Finance discussion about spending, saving, budgeting, debt planning, stewardship, and making decisions about life insurance!



Faith Formation September Schedule

12th/13th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

16th/17th: Catechetical Sunday

17th: Family Program 9:30-11:00 AM

18th: Welcome Back Mass 6:30 PM

26th/27th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM



**Due to lack of interest, there will be no Alpha sessions this Fall.
Hope to see everyone in the Spring!**

Thank you to all who support this 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 be there!

Recently, our teens came up with some exciting topics for this year:

- *Lasting Friendships & Losing Friends*
- *Heritage Food Night*
- *Adoration with our Lord*
- *Serving our Parish*
- *Eucharist and so much more!*

Come walk with us as we face our daily challenges in High School and grow in our Life Journey together. Any questions, please contact Jeannine Quigley at 219-775-5356 or Marisa Richardson at 219-730-4735

Save the dates:

September 10th: "Do You Ever Feel Alone?" Meet 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



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.**



**LIFE IS PRECIOUS;
HANDLE WITH PRAYER**



Mary Ann Adam, Kelly Kuhn, Susan Olszewski, John Madrigal, Kenneth Pannell, Paul Carlos, Cyndy Wilson, Audrey Weber, Steven DeLuca, Shirley Miller, Deb Petersen, Valerie West, Timothy Buncek, George Jakes, Mark Brake, Kristin Brake, Eileen Goodwin, Ashley Arnold, Joanne Krsak 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.



For Those Who Have Died...

Frances Filewicz

Life has changed, not ended

New Altar Server Training
Sept. 16th 8:30-10:00 AM
or
Sept. 18th 6:00-8:00 PM
in the church

Parents, please plan on staying for the first 15 minutes for information and some paperwork.

The Good Samaritans are here to assist anyone with temporary help. If you know someone from Dyer, Schererville or St. John who could use help with their NIPSCO bill, rent, or groceries, **please have that person in need (due to privacy act) call 322-4505, ext. 8250 and leave a message.**

JOIN CUB SCOUT PACK 504



YOUTH - K thru 5th Grade

- FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY
- OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
- COOKOUTS & CAMPOUTS
- STEM ACTIVITIES
- HIKING
- COMMUNITY SERVICE

JOIN TODAY!!!

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Check us out on our Facebook page: Schererville Cub Scout Pack 504

DONATE WHILE You Dine!

Tuesday, September 19th from 11- 8 PM

Culver's of Schererville will donate 20% of sales to the
Knights of Columbus!



*Simply mention
"Knight of Columbus"
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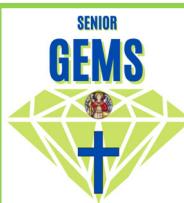
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Just for Seniors 50+

**Come and Join
the Fun!**

September 12th: Meeting at 10:00 AM in the SE room in St. Patrick Hall

September 26th: Presentation by Barbara Rossi on Medicare changes for 2024.
No registration required!

**Mass on September 23rd
4:00 PM
Confessions
2:30-3:30 PM**

Stewardship in Action

Compassion is love in action. How can you be more compassionate this week?

Submitted by Conchita Bryner

Stewardship by the Book

Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"



July 30, 2023

Adult	\$11,884.00
Children	\$6.00
EFTs	\$2,491.00
Loose	\$468.93

**Total Weekly Offering
\$14,849.93**

Thank you for your generosity!

**New Member Registration
September 17th after the
7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
in St. Patrick Hall**



**Blood Pressure, Glucose and
Oxygen Level Screenings**



**September 16th & 17th in the
east coat room after the
5:00 PM, 7:30 AM & 9:30 AM Masses**

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10

Theology Uncorked Sign Ups After All Masses
RCIA 9:30 AM
Radiate 6:00 PM
Marian Devotions 7:15 PM

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

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11

Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM
Liturgy Committee Meeting 7:00 PM

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12

GEMS 10:00 AM
Faith Formation 6:00 PM
Penance Service 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM
Faith Formation 6:00 PM

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14

Choir Practice 7:00 PM

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15

Bell Choir Practice 6:00 PM

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16

New Altar Server Training 8:30 AM
Finance Council Meeting 9:00 AM
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
Catechetical Sunday Vigil Mass
Blood Pressure Readings After Vigil Mass
Catholic Bible Study Registration After Vigil Mass
Theology Uncorked Sign Ups After Vigil Mass

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17

Catechetical Sunday All Masses
Blood Pressure Readings After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
Catholic Bible Study Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM
Masses & BEFORE 11:30 AM Mass
New Member Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
Theology Uncorked Sign Ups After All Masses
Faith Formation Family Program 9:30 AM
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!

ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S MINISTRY HALO LADIES

Join our ministry as we present informative topics to further our knowledge of our Catholic Faith. Gatherings are on the second Tuesday of each month. The first gathering of the new season is **September 12th**, 6:30-8:00 PM, in the Gathering Room located in the basement. All are welcome. Invite a family member, friend or a stranger!

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.

*RIGHT TO LIFE

Please be sure to join Lake County Right to Life for the 40 Days for Life Kick Off/General Meeting on **September 26th** at 6:00 PM here in St. Patrick Hall. There will be several special speakers to get us fired up for the cause! Please bring a meat, side or dessert to share in our potluck! For more information or to sign up for the Potluck, call Christine at The Lake County Right to Life office at 219-838-1138.



*SPAGHETTI DINNER & CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

Anyone in need of food or clothing is invited to attend the 40th Annual Free Spaghetti Dinner & Clothing Giveaway on **October 7th**, 10:30 AM-3:00 PM, at the Hammond Civic Center, 5825 Sohl Avenue, Hammond. Carry-out dinner only. To donate non-perishable food items or clothing or to volunteer, contact Lucy Perez at (219) 838-6602 or (219) 381-4670.

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 SEPTEMBER 9

5:00 PM ♣Mike & Mary Starr

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10 23RD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM ♣Philip Bruno

9:30 AM St. Michael Parish

11:30 AM ♣Rayan Pammer

♦Bob Scobee

♦Grace McShane

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11

7:00 AM ♣Gloria Holtshouser

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12

7:00 AM All Souls

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13

7:00 AM All Souls

8:55 AM ♣Gerald Verdeyen

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14

7:00 AM ♣Joseph Zaborske

♦Vivian & Arnold Peifer

♦Domenick Scaramella

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15

7:00 AM ♣Bill Salas

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16

8:00 AM ♣Bridget D'Souza

5:00 PM ♣Joseph Craven

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17 24TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM St. Michael Parish

9:30 AM ♣Joseph "Patrick" Logue

♦Alice Ensweiller

♦John & Helen Sandor

♦Joseph Zaborske

♦indicates deceased



reflections :::

THE WORD

(Readings for September 17, 2023, the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

I. *Sirach 27:30-28:7*

Forgive the injustice of your neighbor, for then your own sins will be pardoned. Remember death, stop sinning, recall the commandments, love your neighbor, think of God's covenant, and overlook the faults of others.

II. *Romans 14:7-9*

We are not our own masters, but we are responsible to the Lord as servants. In life and in death we belong to the Lord. Christ died and rose to life in order to become "Lord of both the dead and the living."

III. *Matthew 18:21-35*

In a parable on forgiveness, Jesus compared the reign of God to a king settling accounts with his officials. Moved by compassion, the king forgave some or all of each debt. An official then extorted the full amount he was owed, and the king punished him.