



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

EUCHARISTIC 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

Called to be Faithful. A recent survey showed that some 85% of Americans believe that when they marry they marry for life, but if it doesn't work out they don't want to repeat the same mistake again. There is something obviously right with this statement and there is something very wrong with it too. The right is recognizing the reality that a marriage vow is intended to be for life. The wrongness of the statement is expressed in the word "but." "But" qualifies the commitment, limits its freedom and presumes there is an out.

Now there are those few marriages where abuse questions the very validity of the vows once taken or those examples of blatant reasoning by one or the other of the parties that they secretly wish not to have children, or have no intention of being faithful. These are particular cases but to maintain that the majority, some 52% of Americans and Catholics enter marriage with purposeful faulty promises seems outlandish. Such a claim would mean that people no less than 50 years ago were someone genetically different than people today, that our most recent ancestors had an ability we now lack to make and keep honest promises.

What has happened is that the word "but" has become more important than the words "I do." "I do, but" certainly sounds like the very circumstance Jesus is talking about the in the Gospel today. Is Jesus being cruel to us making us keep our word? Jesus is not unsympathetic to our weaknesses. Rather, He knows them well; He became one like us in all things. Rather, Jesus does not want to encourage our weaknesses. He knows how debilitating they can become and how they mislead us until it is too late. It is clear that Jesus sees God's hand in the vows of marriage. This is so true that we believe that the bond of marriage is a true reflection of Christ's love for us, His



Church. This being true, God imparts special grace to married couples to help them build their bond of marital unity. Jesus wants us to know that God overcomes the limitations we impose because of our human convention and convenience.

Anyone who has made a promised commitment, vows, to another needs to be open to how God's divine aid might come to them. Be assured it usually comes in the most earthly disguises, in the people around us, in the words of a counselor, a therapist, a true friend, a priest.

The quest for personal happiness is an impossible one in this life without following our Lord Jesus who reminds us to walk in His same path, a path that knows struggle, joys, pain and new life. Marriage is something that encompasses all of these and so cannot be taken lightly or with the word "but" in the minds of those who vow their love to each other. Marriage is a good work, a work that takes to selfish people and draws them to selfless love for each other. This process does not happen on the wedding day, but is the work of a lifetime. It is also the work of preparing for eternity with God. As a married couple struggles and learns how to love each other without condition, so do the partners help each other learn how to love God in the same way and so prepare themselves, with God's grace, for their eternal reward.

Notice that right after Jesus preaches about the serious commitment of the marriage covenant, the little children were brought to Him that "He might touch them." The fruit of God's love is shown in many ways through the marriage covenant; children being a very physical sign of a couple's love and God's love for the whole human race.

Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you

A Big Thank You! Once again a big thank you, first to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and our Patron, St. Michael for the very favorable weather for our celebration last week. I also asked for Fr. Connolly's prayers and the prayers of all our pastors who, having been purified by God's grace, are now before the Presence of His throne. Many thanks go to all those who planned and participated in the Mass and the reception to follow. Now our work together continues. Having been refreshed, I ask everyone to try to invite someone, indeed to sponsor someone, you know who needs to return to Mass. Invite them to enjoy the same happiness and joy you experienced last week. Because, there is even more to celebrate in the next 50 years.

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION OCTOBER 9TH 1:00-4:00 PM IN THE CHAPEL



Ministry? The bell choir is looking for anyone 4th grade and up to join. Music knowledge a plus, but not required. Bell choir practices are on Friday evenings,

6:00-7:00 PM. Questions can be directed to Kathleen, (219) 613-4870.

Submitted by Kathleen Mance



Welcome Matthew Sheets in Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Much love from your parish community Matthew! God Bless you!

The Cursillo Movement-Men's Weekend

The Cursillo Movement is introduced via a three-day weekend retreat called a "Cursillo de Christianidad" which means "short course in Christianity" in Spanish. This retreat includes daily prayer, daily Mass and opportunities for Spiritual Direction and Reconciliation. During the retreat, a team of religious and lay people present a series of talks which are then discussed in small groups allowing for the sharing of personal insights. Any Catholic 18 or older may make a Cursillo. The next Men's weekend will be **Oct 17th-20th** at Camp Lawrence in Valparaiso. Contact Carol Slager at 219-765-8600 for more information. *submitted by Carol Slager*

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MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY A DIOCESAN EVENT JUST FOR YOU!



There will be a quarterly "Coffee and Conversations" gathering for all Ministers of Hospitality on **October 12th** at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Merrillville. All ministers are encouraged to attend. This will be the first of the quarterly gatherings where you can get to know people across the diocese who also engage in hospitality, give and receive prayers and support as well as a little formation to help welcome all those you encounter. The gathering will start with a prayer and breakfast treats at 8:30 AM with formal discussion at 9:00 AM. It should close around 11:00 AM. Please RSVP to Lisa Curley, Diocesan

Coordinator for Hospitality and Pre-Evangelization, at lcurley@dcgary.org or 219-769-9292, ext. 232.

Living Scriptural Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction Living Beads Needed

Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day is October 7th. In honor of this feast day and to celebrate the second week of Respect Life Month, the Respect Life Ministry is hosting a Living Scriptural Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction on **October 7th** at 7:00 PM. We need 60 people to represent a 'Living Bead' in the rosary. A scripture passage is read by a lector before each Hail Mary, but all pray the entire prayers together. Being a 'Living Bead' means you will stand while your candle is lit but does not mean you have to say any prayer by yourself so there is no reason to fear being a 'Living Bead.' If you wish to be a 'Living Bead,' we ask that you try to arrive by 6:30 PM. All are Welcome! Come and bring your friends!! *Submitted by Cathy Bartczak*



It's Radiate Time for All High Schoolers!

We have some great things planned just for you!

Oct. 13th: CARVE YOUR OWN PUMPKIN Night! We're going to meet at Adam Nowinski's pumpkin patch and farm. Be ready for a contest on the best carved pumpkin. Bonfire, Hot Chocolate, Popcorn & FUN!, 6:00-8:00 PM. Bring your own carving tools! Adam's address will be texted on Remind group text.



Note: In case of inclement weather, we will have the carving party in SMS Gym.

Oct. 27th: HALLOWEEN & HAYRIDE Night! Oakridge Prairie County Park, Griffith, 5:30-8:00 PM. Please arrive no later than 5:45 PM so we can board the hayride. We will roast hot dogs and s'mores on an open fire. Costumes encouraged.

Note: In case of inclement weather, we will have the Halloween party in St. Patrick Hall.

Keep informed with our NEW Remind messaging sign up: Send TEXT to **81010**. Then TEXT THIS MESSAGE: **@stmrad**

Any questions? Contact Mrs. Jeannine Quigley (219) 775-5356 or Mrs. Marisa Richardson (219) 730-4735.



Dinner & Discussion- the Italian way. From delicious food to Italian saints, St. Catherine of Sienna & St. Maria Goretti, it was a great time - teens sharing & spending time with teens.

Submitted by Jeannine Quigley

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The State of Indiana has a School Scholarship Tax Credit Program. Here is how the program works. An individual or business will donate money into this program for St. Michael School. The donation can only be used for financial aid scholarships. You will receive an Indiana State tax credit for 50% of your donation amount. For example, if a business or individual donates \$100, they will receive a \$50 tax credit on their Indiana State income taxes. You can also use this same donation as an itemized tax deduction for your federal income taxes. It is truly a win-win situation.

To donate online: https://scholarshipsforeducationchoice.com/st-michael-school/

To donate by mail: Make your check payable to **Sagamore Institute SGO**. On the check, please indicate that it is for St. Michael School, Schererville. Please mail the check to:

SEC at Sagamore Institute P.O. Box 301076 Indianapolis, IN 46230

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APPLE FOR THE STUDENTS IS BACK! HELP SMS EARN EDUCATIONAL REWARDS

Educational technology and funding change daily. To keep up with these changes and expenses, SMS is participating in our local supermarket's Apples for the Students program. The Strack & Van Til Apple for the Students program enables SMS to earn Apple computers, iPads, sporting goods, audio visual equipment, science supplies, hundreds of other items to choose from, and they are all FREE...

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In Pastoral work, it is always important to make Christian families part of the process of initiation. *First Holy Communion* is a key moment, not only for the individual receiving the Sacrament, but also for the entire family, which should be supported in its educational role by the whole parish community.

On Sunday, October 13th, we will celebrate with a Mass to start a new program, "Do This in Memory," for such families. At the 11:30 AM Mass, the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and their families will begin to participate in the liturgy through the "Mass of Enrollment." Each child will begin to experience "Whole Faith Community," which goes far beyond the day of First Holy Communion. This new and exciting program will help the families participate more fully in the celebration of the Eucharist!



Faith Formation October Schedule



Oct. 8th/9th: Traditional Classes, 6:00-7:30 PM Oct. 13th: Family Session, 9:30-11:00 AM

Oct. 13th: "Do This in Memory of Me" Mass Enrollment, 11:30 AM in Church

Oct. 15th/16th: Traditional Classes, 6:00-7:30 PM

Oct. 17th: Confirmation Parent Meeting, 7:00 PM

in St. Patrick Hall

Oct. 22nd/23rd: Fall Break-No Classes

Oct. 29th/30th: Traditional Classes, 6:00-7:30 PM

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For Those Who Have Died...

Richard Walters

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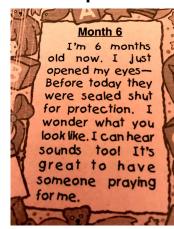
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St. Michael's parishioners are in bold, italic print.

Spiritual Adoption Program



Please remember to pray daily for your spiritually adopted baby and the baby's mother and father.

"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



All Those 50+,
Parishioner or
Non-Parishioner,
Join Us on October 8th at
10:00 AM in the SE Room
in St. Patrick Hall

We will finalize our Fall trips and also discuss trips and activities with neighboring parishes. There will be a Medicare Review on Oct. 29th by Senior Promise of Franciscan Hospitals. More information to follow in upcoming bulletins. submitted by Nancy Finley



RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY - ROSE SALE

Respect Life Sunday is today and in honor of the day, the Respect Life Ministry will be selling roses after all Masses this weekend. A donation of \$1/rose or \$10/dozen of roses. Proceeds help to support Lake County Right to Life and the Women's Care Center.

Submitted by Cathy Bartczak



"YOU'RE WONDERFUL, YOU'RE MARVELOUS"

The Good Samaritans wish to thank our St. Michael Parish family for their generous response to our recent School Supply Drive. Your donations provided two underserved schools, as well as St. Michael's, with items that will help their school year get off to a great start. Please know the schools are so appreciative of these donations. We also thank our very generous parishioner who made a monetary donation toward this endeavor. Additionally, we appreciate your donations, throughout the summer, that helped stock our shelves and our parishioners who donated their Super Raffle winnings and their Strack Survey winnings to our ministry – how awesome!! This year has been and continues to be very demanding for our ministry and we are grateful for your adjustments, you make within your household budgets, to support our ministry. Your help is crucial to the work, entrusted in our care, and YOU, once again answered our request with your kind sharing. We wish you God's richest blessings!!

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 6

Respect Life Rose Sale After All Masses OCIA 9:30 AM Vietnamese Confessions 5:00 PM, Chapel Vietnamese Mass 6:00 PM, Chapel Reception to Follow Mass, St. Patrick Hall

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

MONDAY OCTOBER 7

Liturgy Committee Meeting 6:00 PM, SE Room Living Rosary 7:00 PM, Church

TUESDAY OCTOBER 8
Senior GEMS 10:00 AM, SE Room Faith Formation Traditional Classes, 6:00 PM, SMS Catholic Bible Study 7:00 PM, St. Patrick Hall

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel Faith Formation Traditional Classes, 6:00 PM, SMS Good Samaritans 6:30 PM, SE Room

THURSDAY OCTOBER 10

Baptismal Prep 6:00 PM, SW Room Bereavement Session 7:00 PM, SE Room Choir Practice 7:00 PM, Church

FRIDAY OCTOBER 11

Bell Choir Practice 6:00 PM, Church

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12 Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel Blood Pressure Readings After Vigil Mass, East Coat Room

SUNDAY OCTOBER 13Blood Pressure Readings After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses, East Coat Room

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses, St. Patrick Hall Cub Scout Popcorn Sales After All Masses, Gathering Space Faith Formation Family Session 9:30 AM, SMS OCIA 9:30 AM

"Do This in Memory of Me" Mass 11:30 AM Marian Devotions 6:00 PM, Our Lady of the Lourdes Shrine **Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings**



next weekend in the east coat room after the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses



Tewardship in Action

Say the rosary today in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary.

submitted by Conchita Bryner



September 1, 2024

Adult Children **EFTs** Loose

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Effective April, 2020: In an effort to provide accurate weekly collection totals, there is a six week lag in bulletin reporting. The timing of when weekly collections are received changed in early 2020, due to CoVid. We went from 90% received on Sunday, to 30%. We have gradually moved up to 70%, but feel it's best to hold off on reporting until the majority of envelopes are received.

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Diocesan Life Information

LIFE CHAIN

The Annual Lake County Right to Life "Life Chain" will be **October 6th**, 1:00-3:00 PM. This is a time of prayer for the end of abortion, for those who have suffered from abortion and for the respect and dignity of ALL human life. Pro-life volunteers will be stationed along Ridge Road holding pro-life signs and praying. If you wish to be a part or you would like more information, please contact Christine Lukawski at 219-838-1138.

TAPPED IN

Join Queen of All Saints at Gelsosomo's Pizzeria, 5184 Franklin St., Michigan City at 7:00 PM for an evening of food, fellowship and faith.

Oct. 9th: Orders by Fr. David Kime

Oct. 16th: Organizations by Fr. Gregory Bim-Merle

Oct. 23rd: Deacons by Dcn. Bill Zientarski

LUXURY BINGO

On October 9th, 6:00-8:30 PM, at the Halls of St. George, the Women's Care Center is having their Second Annual Luxury Bingo to help moms and babies in the community. Great food, cocktails and fabulous prizes will be part of the evening. Register online at LuxuryBingoMerrillville.com or text "LakeCntyBingo" to 41444. For more information, please contact Victoria Cain at 815-900-8366 or Victoria@supportwcc.org.



On October 12th, the Archdiocese of Chicago and other ministry partners are hosting "Rescue Chicago," an inspiring day of engaging preaching by Fr. John Riccardo of Acts

XXIX ministry, music from Damascus Worship, table discussion and fellowship. Join the Diocese of Gary as we partake in this amazing experience. Bus departs from the Diocese of Gary Pastoral Center at 6:15 AM and returns at 7:30 PM. Cost is \$100/person. Register at garyoyya.org/rescue2024

OCTOBERFEST

St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, 557 W. 57th Ave., Merrillville is having an Octoberfest on **Oct. 13th**, 11:30 AM-2:30 PM. There will be a menu of stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes or cabbage and noodles, green beans, bread, butter and dessert for \$15/adult and \$7.50/children 12 and under. Music will be provided by John Pruzin, Jr and his Tamburitza Band. Proceeds to benefit the less fortunate.

REMEBERING FR. UBALD FROM RWANDA!

The Center for the Secret of Peace founded by the late Fr. Ubald invites you to "Let's Make Joy!" on October 17th in Northfield, IL in celebration and support of Fr. Ubald's life and continuation of the ministry he founded. Featuring guest speaker Immaculée Ilibagiza, best-selling author, Rwandan Genocide Survivor, and dear friend of Fr. Ubald. We hope you join us! And we also have a silent auction with fabulous items for you and your loved ones. Tickets are \$200, silent auction registration is free. For details, please visit onecau.se/makejoy or scan the OR code.

SIP SAVOR SUPPORT

Join us to benefit the many Catholic Charities programs in NWI at the 4th annual event for wine and food enthusiasts. Wine & Food airing Dinner, 6:30 PM at the Hellenic Banquet Center in Merrillville on **October 18th.** For sponsorship, donations and tickets, please contact Kevin Feldman at (219) 886-3549, ext.102 or KFeldman@Catholic-Charities.org.





HOLIDAY BAZAAR

St. Thomas More's Altar & Rosary Society Holiday Bazaar will be held on **October 26th**, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM in the STM gym. Join in for a day filled with beautiful paintings, floral décor, knit & crocheted items, ornaments, wreaths, jewelry, vendors & more.

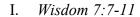
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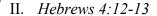
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THE WORD

(Readings for October 13th, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)



"I pleaded and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her...and deemed riches nothing in comparison to her."



The word of God is "sharper than any two-edged sword," discerning "reflections and thoughts of the heart."

III. Mark 10:17-30

Jesus told a young man, "Go, sell what you have and give to the poor and...follow me."

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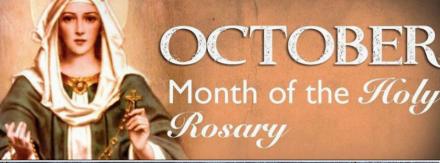




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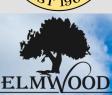
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