WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 20, 2024 WHOEVER WISHES TO BE GREAT WILL BE NARK 10:43



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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday prior to the Sunday printing 12:00 PM (Noon). Holidays have exceptions. Please submit potential bulletin articles by email to bulletin@stmichaelparish.life or in print form to the office or by fax to 322-4508.

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If you are interested in participating in any of these ministries, please visit the website for Ministry Coordinator information.

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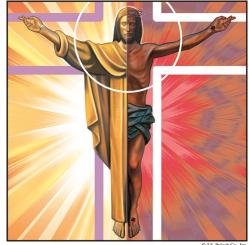
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From the Pastor's Desk

Where Life Finds Real Meaning! We often think that meaning in life comes from our work or our Relationships with spouse, children or friends. Our work or relationships certainly help mold us, giving us some meaning. But the depth of who we really are is rarely realized without adversity or suffering. In the game of life, there are no "chance cards" that direct us to proceed directly to "home" without the possibility of disappointment or tragedy.

In today's Gospel, James and John are rather bold in their request. They ask Jesus to give them the best seats in the house in the kingdom of heaven. Perhaps, they thought they deserved a "chance card." Jesus' response was as equally bold as their question. He asked them if they were willing to undergo what He was to endure — to drink the cup from which He would drink. Their response probably made in haste, so much did they not understand, was a firm "YES!"

This cup Jesus was speaking of was that of the suffering servant. The suffering servant is the one crushed in his/her infirmity; giving his/her life as an offering of obedience, so that the will of the Lord might be revealed in him/her. Jesus was the prime example of Isaiah's suffering servant. If James and John could drink of this cup, be a suffering servant in the pattern of Jesus, they would certainly have a place in the kingdom of God.



The same holds true today. Nothing of value comes without difficulties, heartaches, losses or pain. Jesus is there to help us recognize the value of suffering in our lives and in the lives of others. We have to be careful not to totally anesthetize the pains of this world, but to gain from our difficulties, sufferings and sacrifices; courage and trust that no matter what, God will always carry us. Our sacrifices are always joined to the cross of Christ and because they are joined to Him they can have the potential to bring us new meaning in our lives.

The world sees this upside down. Sacrifice is rarely held up as a good thing accept in matters of national security. How can a person sacrifice if they do not learn how to do it in less dramatic circumstances? Indeed, how can one learn Christian sacrifice, which is to give purely out of trust that God will provide? We learn this like we learn everything, by doing. Perhaps the unbridled enthusiasm of James and John is the best way. Dive in and say "yes, I can."



November Mass Events Due Date: November 1, 2024 November 1st, All Saints Day, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are 7:00 AM, 8:55 AM & 7:00 PM on November 1st. There is no Vigil Mass IN MEMORY OF - DEDICATION ADS on October 31st. **November 2nd** is All Souls Day. After the 5:00 PM FOUR SIZES TO CHOOSE Mass, there will be a candlelight procession to the FROM cemetery. PLACING YOUR AD IS EASY !! The Mass of Remembrance will be Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00 PM. This is a liturgy of 1 - FILL OUT FORM/PAY ONLINE special remembrance for all the faithful departed of the parish especially for those who have died since 2- VISIT THE PARISH OFFICE October 15, 2023. M-F, 9-4PM OR - VISIT TABLE IN GATHERING SPACE AFTER MASS THRU OCT 27. DEN · AIM Congratulations St. Michael the Archangel Parish 150 Years! The Bonner Family **Eucharistic Adoration** of four generations is grateful to call October 23rd St Michael Parish Home 1:00-4:00 PM in the Chapel 1/8 PAGE - DEDICATION AD SHOWN Anniversarv P Reserve your copy by November 1st. Scan QR code or call Judi at 219-322-4505, ext. 8220. SCAN HERE Conversations in Marriage How can you build a stronger marriage? Wedding, Honeymoon, Children, Now What?

November 13th 6:00-7:30 PM in St. Patrick Hall Guest Speaker: Dr. Marguerite Rebesco, PhD. Clinical Psychologist

Free childcare will be available in St. Amand room. Register by **November 8th** by using the QR code or contacting Kathryn Sanders at 219-201-1172. ksanders219@gmail.com

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Conference '24 for Adult Liturgical Ministers

The Office of Worship and Office of Intercultural Ministry invite you to our upcoming **CONFERENCE '24 Training and Renewal for all adult Liturgical Ministers in the Diocese of Gary**, which will take place on **Nov. 15th** with doors opening at 5:15 PM and **Nov. 16th**, 7:30 AM-2:15 PM at Nativity of Our Savior Parish in Portage. Please contact Janice at 219-322-4505, ext. 8241 or jgatons@stmichaelparish.life to register.

It's Radiate Time for All High Schoolers Come experience Radiate with us!

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.

Nov. 10th: "DELVING INTO THE ANGELIC WORLD" Night! Dinner discussion with Fr. Robert as he takes us through the hymn, "Angels Spirits, Do Not Tremble!" he wrote. 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall.

Serving COMFORT FOODS: Chili, Mac & Cheese, Mini Sandwiches, Potatoes, Chips & Dip, Cookies Nov. 24th: GYM Night! 6:00-8:00 PM, more details coming soon.

Keep Informed with our NEW Remind messaging sign up: Send TEXT to **81010**. Then TEXT THIS



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

St. Michael Youth Ministry

submitted by Jeannine Quigley

St. Michael School News





A special thanks to the Social Committee for putting on a wonderful Western Night for the first and second graders. The students had a blast! The story telling, ponies and puppies were so much fun! Michelle Wacnik, Principal

HELP SMS EARN FREE EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT

Hidden Creek Pumpkin Farm

Please save all your Strack & Van Til receipts (Sept. 1, 2024-March 31, 2025), put them in an envelope marked Apples for the Students and place in one of the collection towers, drop them in the dropbox by the parish office or bring them to the parish office during normal business hours. The school will earn technological items. The more receipts saved, the more the school receives.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SMS!

Thank you to The Nowinski Family for your hospitality! Radiate had so much fun!



LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER



Special Prayers For Those In Need Tim and Helen Hazard, Joan Gillespie, Robert Habasinski, Sandy Evans, Ruth Marie Sarros, Nicole Villanueva, Stephen Gatons, Richard Good, John Hora, Lillian Zaborske, Aria Lopez, Cecilia O'Donnell, Joan Hamnik, Deb Peterson, Timothy Bunchek, Pat Matz, Sheryl Lazzaro, Marlene Townsend, Phyllis Leyba, Sue Gatons, Ronald Hlad, Kelly Musick, Carmlina Spiccia 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.

Helping Those in Need



The Wheelchair Ramp Ministry has been busy installing two more ramps this past week. One was installed for Patti Koopman in St. John. Patti suffers from ALS. Her husband is pictured on the ramp. The other was installed for John Sebban of Merrillville. If you would like to participate in this ministry in any way, please



contact the St. Michael's parish office at 219-322-4505. If you know of anyone who may benefit from our services, have them contact Catholic Charities at outreach@catholic-charities.org or call 219-886-3549 and ask for Daniela Ocanas.

submitted by Jim Koeling



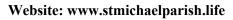
Prayer Service for St. Joseph Icon

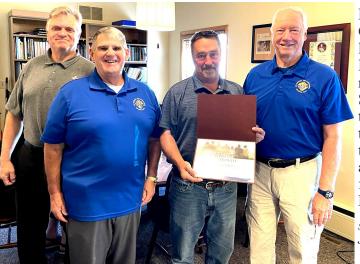
Knights of Columbus Council 12177 invites all members of the parish to the annual Prayer Service and Presentation of the nationally rotating St. Joseph Icon. Please join us for this Service in St. Michael's Church on October 28th at 7:00 PM. Immediately following the service, refreshments and pastries will be served in St. Patrick Hall. submitted by Jerry Bromley



The Good Samaritans **Pantry Shelves are Getting Sparse.** Please Help Fill Them with the Following:







Knights of Columbus Council 12177 would like to congratulate Rick Gilbert as recipient of the September Family of the Month award. Big thank you to Rick and team, we sincerely appreciate all you do for our parish and the Knights!

submitted by Jerry Bromley

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Please pray this prayer for our country everyday until election day:



O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection. Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of marriage and family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life,

liberty and the pursuit of happiness. O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. Amen. *submitted by Cathy Bartczak*



All Those 50+, Parishioner or Non-Parishioner



Oct. 22nd: Friendship Botanical Gardens, Carpooling from the church parking lot at 9:45 AM. Golf carts will be available for an extra cost, around \$7.00/cart. **Oct. 29th:** Medicare Presentation, 10:00 AM in

St. Patrick Hall submitted by Nancy Finley

"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop." - Confucius

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE TRAVELING EXHIBIT

OCTOBER 26TH & 27TH BEFORE AND AFTER ALL MASSES IN ST. PATRICK HALL THIS IS A TRAVELING DISPLAY OF FEATURED PHOTOS AND HISTORICAL DESCRIPTIONS OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES RECOGNIZED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. THE EXHIBIT WAS DESIGNED BY BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS.

Submitted by Dan Lemon

October 20, 2024

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DISASTER RELIEF FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS



Catholic Charities USA, the official disaster relief agency of the Church in the United States, has an online donation mechanism at <u>catholiccharitiesusa.org</u>. Please note: 100% of donations made via the link above go to support recovery efforts. Catholic Charities USA works directly with local Catholic Charities agencies in the affected areas to provide humanitarian relief.



New Member Registration Today, October 20th After the 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses



SUNDAY OCTOBER 20 2nd Collection-Propagation of Faith New Member Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses, St. Patrick Hall

OCIA 9:30 AM

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

MONDAY OCTOBER 21 Stewardship Meeting 6:00 PM, SW Room

TUESDAY OCTOBER 22

GEMS 10:00 AM, SE Room No Faith Formation Traditional Classes-Fall Break Catholic Bible Study 7:00 PM, St. Patrick Hall

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel No Faith Formation Traditional Classes-Fall Break

THURSDAY OCTOBER 24

No School-Parent/Teacher Conferences Bereavement Session 7:00 PM, SW Room Choir Practice 7:00 PM, Church

FRIDAY OCTOBER 25

E-Learning Day Bell Choir Practice 6:00 PM, Church

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel Dedication Ads After Vigil Mass, Gathering Space

SUNDAY OCTOBER 27

Dedication Ads 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, Gathering Space OCIA 9:30 AM Radiate 6:00 PM, St. Patrick Hall

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New Chair Yoga Class Beginning on Friday, Noven



Beginning on Friday, November 1st, there will be a chair yoga class offered in St. Patrick Hall, 8:00-9:00 AM and continuing on Fridays thereafter for a fee of \$5 due each week. To register, contact Ursula Buchnat at 219-741-3276.

S[†]ewardship in Action

Do an act of gratitude for someone who is always serving others. Let them know what they do matters. *submitted by Conchita Bryner*

There are towers available on either side of the main aisle in church to place your Sunday donations. We no longer pass baskets for regular collections.



September 15, 2024

Adult	\$11,171.06
Children	\$32.00
EFTs	\$2,850.90
Loose	\$382.00

Total Weekly Offering \$14,435.96

Thank you for your generosity!

<u>Effective April 2020</u>: 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.

Diocesan Life Information



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.

***TRAVELING MONSTRANCE FOR** VOCATIONS



With the blessing of Bishop Robert McClory, the traveling monstrance for vocations, blessed by Pope St. John Paul II, will be in the Diocese of Gary for the first time during National Vocations Week.

Members of the Serra Club of NWI will transport the monstrance through the diocese as part of our pledge to foster and support vocations. Contact Susan Gryfakis for more information about the Serra Club of NWI at: vsgryfakis@gmail.com. See schedule below:

LAS VEGAS NITE On November 2nd, 5:30-11:30 PM, at St. Joseph

Gym, 440 Joliet St. (RT. 30) Dyer, there will be a Las Vegas Nite featuring \$1 bets on all games like blackjack, roulette, money wheel, beat dealer dice, 3-card poker, and live poker. \$15 admission includes all foods, desserts and beverages. Must be 21 plus years to attend. For more



info: 219-718-3787. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #8082 to raise funds for those in need. License #001636

OUINCEANERA FORMATION CLASS

Young women planning to celebrate a Quinceanera are required to participate in a day long formation program prior to the date of their celebration. This



program, facilitated by Adeline Torres, will take place at St. John Bosco School, 1231-171st Place, Hammond, {use Door A) on March 1, 2025, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. Cost is \$25 for materials, lunch and snacks. To register or for more *Uninceased* information, please contact Vickie Blackwood at 219-844-9027 or

sjbreligion@comcast.net.

Date	Church	City	From	То
October 28	St James the Less	Highland	9:30 AM	7:30 PM
October 29	Holy Name	Cedar Lake	10:00 AM	8:00 PM
October 30	St. John Bosco	Hammond	7:45 AM	7:15 PM
October 31	St. Paul	Valparaiso	7:45 AM	4:30 PM
November 1	St. Edward	Lowell	7:45 AM	5:15 PM
November 2	Our Lady of Guadalup	eEast Chicago	8:30 AM	5:30 PM
November 3	Carmelite Marian Shrine	Munster	11:00 AM	2:00 PM
November 4	St. Bridget	Hobart	12:30 PM	7:00 PM
November 5	St. Elizabeth Ann Se- ton	Valparaiso	7:30 AM	8:30 PM
November 7	Holy Martyrs Parish	Merrillville	11:30 AM	12:30 PM
November 7-8	St. Matthias (Overnight)	Crown Point	6:00 PM	6:00 AM
November 8	St. Mary Immaculate Conception	Michigan City	7:15 AM	3:00 PM



SATURDAY	OCTOBER 19	THURSDAY	OCTOBER 24
5:00 PM	Ronald Prenizny	7:00 AM	Prayer Service
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 20 29TH SUNDAY		♦Ann Ayersman*
	IN ORDINARY TIME	FRIDAY	OCTOBER 25
7:30 AM	♥Jose Macaya	7:00 AM	Doleres Leluga
	♥Nick Kinzer ♥Eric Vlcek	SATURDAY	OCTOBER 26
9:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	8:00 AM	♦Philip Bruno
11:30 AM	•Pat Logue		* Kenneth Kollasch
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MONDAY	OCTOBER 21	5:00 PM	Robert & Patricia Hansen
7:00 AM	Prayer Service	SUNDAY	OCTOBER 27 30TH SUNDAY
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TUESDAY	OCTOBER 22	7:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
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	Kristin & John Finley	11:30 AM	John & Helen Sandor
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II. Hebrews 5:1-6 The one who said to Christ, "You are my son: this day I have begy you" also said, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." III. Mark 10:46-52 Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind ma replied to Him, "Master, I want to see."	Website: www	stmichaelnarish life	Page 10	October 20, 2024	
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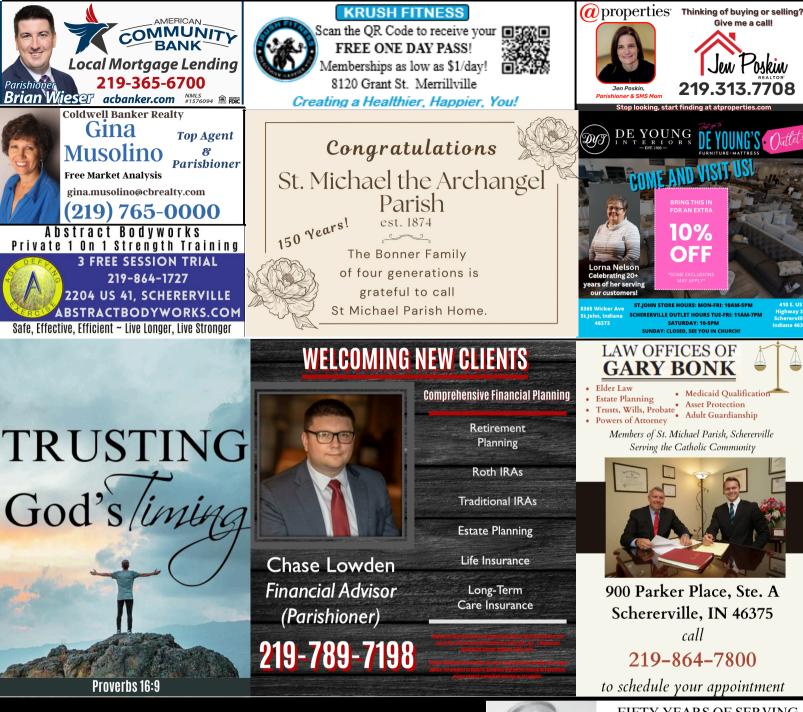
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