

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

OCTOBER 1, 2023

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

Why does God allow violence against the innocent? Why? Where is God in the recent, well publicized, shootings of young people gathered for a parade or in their school to learn? Where is God when violence and hate seem to rage at these moments or at the other numerous times when violence is unleashed in abusive homes or a random bullet strikes an innocent bystander? These moments of blatant violence leave you and me speechless. The first response is our hope that the offenders are caught and given the same treatment.

I am amazed that out of these tragedies, many victims and their families are not always caught up in the “Why did God do this?” question. Certainly, these people are angry but they refuse to hate. Rather, they move towards forgiveness for those who have caused such a tragedy. In doing so, they often state that they cannot allow the hate of the offender to be perpetuated by hatred on their part. Where do these people get the strength to do something like this?

Jesus let go of His equality with God and emptied Himself for our sakes. Jesus puts our needs above His own; He humbles Himself for us. Jesus is their example and ours. St. Paul makes it clear that if we wish to live in harmony with one another, we must put the needs of others ahead of our own. Jesus is the example for this behavior and His attitude was met by God with His glorification in the resurrection. The forgiveness and the humility that leads one to forgo revenge does not make the hurt go away, nor does it hold up the offense as acceptable. Humility and the forgiveness it breeds in us frees the victim from the control of hate.



Following Jesus' lead, you and I can practice this quality every time we watch the news or read the newspaper. Although the events of violence reported do not directly affect us, they do have an effect on our attitude and consequently on our actions. In a sense, we are victims of violence and hate each time a reported case boils our blood and stirs our anger. At those times, pray to approach the violent news as Jesus would, Jesus who emptied Himself. Pray for the humility to know that the hate you see or read about can easily consume you and so pray that you forgive, so God can control you and not God's opposite, violence and hate.

Mark Your Calendars NOW! Next year our feast day, September 29th, falls on a Sunday. This is most propitious as we will be celebrating our 150th year next September 29, 2024. A once-in-a-life-time celebration is being planned. Mark your calendars now in your Android or iPhone, You will not want to miss this one!

There will be one large Mass that Sunday at Mt. Calvary. Recreating the beloved picture (which hangs in St. Patrick Hall) of our forbears in the faith who celebrated there 100 years ago. All the priests who have ministered here over the years and the Sisters will be invited.

This very special Mass, and the reception to follow, will be the event of the decade. You and your children will not see it again for 50 years or more. So mark your calendars now. Invite any of our parishioners you know who have moved over the years to come back and celebrate with us. Be present for this special event of Thanksgiving for 150 years of faith, fellowship and service.



**Eucharistic Adoration
October 4th
1:00-4:00 PM
in the Chapel**



**BELL CHOIR
ADULTS NEEDED FOR
RINGING OF THE BELLS
4TH GRADE AND UP ARE
ALSO WELCOMED
PRACTICE IS ON FRIDAYS,
6:00-7:00 PM
IN THE CHURCH**

Music knowledge a plus, but not required.
Questions can be directed to Kathleen,
219-613-4870. *Submitted by Kathleen Mance*

**ALL PARISHIONERS,
FAMILY AND FRIENDS
ARE INVITED TO
LIVING SCRIPTURAL ROSARY
& EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
OCTOBER 9TH AT 7:00 PM
COME AND BE A
"LIVING BEAD"**

**Art & Environment Meeting
October 3rd
6:30 PM in SE Meeting Room**
Are you interested in learning what the Art & Environment Ministry is all about? All parishioners are invited to attend a meeting about the upcoming liturgical year. Come with creative minds! Hope to see you there!
Any questions, please contact Tina at 219-865-8663.

It's time to "RADIATE!"

All high school teens are welcome and encouraged to join us. Let's walk together and navigate Life together.... We are here for you. Keep informed by signing up for our reminders: Send a text to 81010 then text this message @radiate. Any questions, please contact Jeannine Quigley at 219-775-5356 or Marisa Richardson at 219-730-4735.

October Calendar:

October 1st: ADORATION NIGHT with Confession and Music: Come sit in silence with our Lord as Fr. Robert prepares us for Eucharistic Adoration along with our Music Ministry. Jesus is waiting for you.
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



Submitted by Jeannine Quigley

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Natalia & Aliana Bravo, Alex & Michael Brown, Celine Che, Alexander & Clara Kovacs, Matthew LaCien, and Emily & Steven Nguyen, as they celebrated their Reception of Baptized Christians into Full Communion of the Catholic Church. May the Lord continue to bless these young people and guide them along their faith journey.

Submitted by K Hooegeven





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Registration is now OPEN for the Diocese of Gary Conference' 23 Training and Renewal for all Liturgical Ministers, taking place on Friday, October 27th, 5:30-9:00 PM and Saturday, October 28th, 7:00 AM-2:30 PM here at our parish. **Register at www.dcgary.org/event/conference-23** and St. Michael parishioners please follow these instructions:

◆ click on register ◆ go to register in English or Spanish ◆ go to get tickets ◆ go to check out	◆ go to fill in billing information: use St. Michael Church with email address of jgatons@stmichaelparish.life ◆ continue to fill in ticket info, answer questions about self and ministry	◆ go to pay by invoice ◆ click on submit
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Faith Formation News

Kimberley Hooegeven, DRE
 219-322-3077 or khoogeven@stmichaelparish.life

OCTOBER SCHEDULE

3rd/4th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
8th: Family Session 9:30-11:00 AM
 “Do This in Memory of Me” Mass 11:30 AM
10th/11th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
17th/18th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM

19th: CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING
7:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall
24th/25th: Traditional Classes 6:00-7:30 PM
29th: “Catch the Spirit” Mass 11:30 AM
31st/Nov. 1st: No Classes-Fall Break



Marriage Tune-Up



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

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

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“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. Additionally, we thank you for your donation of food and household items needed during the summer. We would like to acknowledge the Senior Gems, Labors of Love, the Sunday Night Men’s Basketball League, the St. Michael School Cross Country Team and our “Amazon Angel.” Your support is crucial to our work and YOU, once again, answered our request with your kindness and generosity. We value your help and thank you for your kind sharing.

Submitted by Sue Cohen



**Meeting
Oct. 3rd
10:00 AM
St. Patrick
Hall**



For Those Who Have Died...

Joan Moore

Life has changed, not ended

LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER



George Jakes, Mark Brake, Kristin Brake, Eileen Goodwin, Ashley Arnold, Joanne Krsak, **Joseph Tomszewski**, Jerry Caravana, Ken Caravana, Gerald L. Moore, June Marie Czajkowski, Pat Markiewicz, **Jody Woods**, **Marlene Weber**, **Mary Ann Adam**, **John Schnosenberg**, **John Gallas**, Mary Scheub, Elizabeth Ward 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.

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. Please make a donation or the roses are \$1 each or a dozen for \$10. Proceeds help to support Lake County Right to Life and the Women's Care Center.



*All Respect Life articles
submitted by Cathy Bartczak*



Please join the Life Chain today, 1:00 to 3:00 PM, that takes place on Ridge Road from Wicker Park and goes west into Lansing where pro-lifers stand together to form a Chain to promote Life and pray for an end to abortion.

HELPING A FAMILY IN NEED

On September 11th, St. Michael's Wheelchair Ramp Ministry installed its 61st Ramp in Dyer for Consuela and Ricardo Soto. Pictured are Ricardo and his son, Rick Soto who contacted us through Catholic Charities to help his father with egress for his mother, Consuela. If you would like to participate in projects such as this please contact the St Michael's parish office at 219-322-4505. If you know someone in need of our services, please have them contact Catholic Charities at outreach@catholic-charities.org or call 219-886-3549, ask for Jessa Conn.



*Submitted
by Jim
Koeling*



All Those 50+, Parishioner or Non-Parishioner



Come and Join the Fun!

October 10th: 10:00 AM in SE room of St. Patrick Hall. We will finalize the trip to Winona Lake and discuss future adventures.

October 24th: Outing to Winona Lake, IN

December 6th: St. Maria Goretti is sponsoring a trip to Christkindlmarket in Chicago for \$106/person which includes bus, lunch and narrated tours. Please call Karen Boyle at 219-865-5482 for reservations.

submitted by Nancy Finley



All of the GEMS want to thank Carol Rusich for her leadership and service for many years. Good Luck to

Carol on her new adventures in South Carolina. She will be missed!



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Stewardship in Action

Go out and humbly do God's will. Take a stand for the elderly, the less fortunate or those being treated unkindly. *Submitted by Conchita Bryner*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 20, 2023

Adult	\$11,552.00
Children	\$24.00
EFTs	\$8,048.00
Loose	\$446.00

**Total Weekly Offering
\$20,070.00**

**Feast of the Assumption
\$3,772.00**

Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY OCTOBER 1

Respect Life Rose Sale After All 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 OCTOBER 2

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

TUESDAY OCTOBER 3

Labors of Love 10:00 AM
Faith Formation 6:00 PM
Art & Environment Meeting 6:30 PM
Catholic Bible Study 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM
Faith Formation 6:00 PM
Good Samaritans 6:30 PM

THURSDAY OCTOBER 5

No Children's Choir Practice
Marriage Tune Up Session 6:30 PM
Bereavement 7:00 PM
No Choir Practice

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6

Bell Choir Practice 6:00 PM

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7

First Saturday Devotions After 8:00 AM Mass
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

SUNDAY OCTOBER 8

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses
Faith Formation Family Session 9:30 AM
RCIA 9:30 AM
"Do This in Memory of Me" Mass 11:30 AM
Radiate 6:00 PM

*denotes new article

SPONSOR(S) NEEDED

A sponsor or sponsors are needed for a family from the Ukraine to come to the United States as refugees. There is no financial assistance nor accommodations required, just a minimal initial time commitment. This would help a family leave a current war zone. The family consists of an older married couple, a mom with two children ages 18 and 10 and a husband to person listed prior. The family does not need to be brought over all in one group with one sponsor. Please contact Andrew Kovacs at andrew.s.kovacs@gmail.com for more details. This would be using the "Uniting for Ukraine" program. The role of a sponsor is to assure the government that they are not being left on their own with no support structures. There is no financial cost nor is there any time commitment other than the sponsorship paperwork.

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.

WOMAN'S CARE CENTER - BINGO - ONE-OF-A-KIND EVENT

Please join us on **October 11th** at the Halls of St. George at 6:00 PM for Bingo benefiting the moms and babies of our community!

Great Food - Cocktails - Fabulous Prizes
Register online at LuxuryBingoMerrillville.com or text "MerrillvilleBingo" to 41444 before October 2nd. Questions? Contact Victoria Cain at (815) 900-8366 or email victoria@supportwcc.org

*WALK-IN SESSION

STM Career Networking Group is having their next meeting on **October 11th**, 7:00-8:30 PM, at the STM Weis Center, 8635 Calumet Ave, Munster. This will be a walk-in session. Bring questions about how to have a successful job search. This is free and open to all who are unemployed, in transition, new to the job market, changing careers, recent graduates or those who can offer employment opportunities through professional connections.

*TAPPED IN

Queen of All Saints is having weekly Wednesday get togethers during the month of October, 7:00 PM, at Gelsosomo's Pizzeria, 5184 Franklin St., Michigan City with the topic of *Our Blessed Mother*.



Oct. 11th: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Speaker: Fr. Roque Meraz

Oct. 18th: Our Lady of Fatima
Speaker: Fr. David Kime

Oct. 25th: Our Lady of Lourdes
Speaker: Bishop Robert McClory

CARING TOGETHER:

2023 CANCER NETWORKING GROUP

We know the ripple effect that occurs from a cancer diagnosis. Whether you are newly diagnosed, undergoing treatment, a survivor or a family member, everyone is welcome to attend our networking group. Oncology nurse navigators facilitate the sessions. Active participation is not required. Open House is **October 12th**, 5:30-6:30 PM, at the Community Stroke and Rehab Center, 10215 Broadway, Crown Point. For more information, please call Cate Harms 219-703-2330. To register, please call 219-836-3349.

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.



OCTOBERFEST

Please join us for good food, dancing and pure wholesome fun. On **October 15th**, St. Nicholas Apostolate, St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, 557 W 57th Ave, Merrillville, is hosting an OctoberFest, 11:30 AM-2:30 PM. Lunch and music provided. For \$15 per adult, there will be stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes or cabbage and noodles, green beans, bread, butter and dessert. Music provided by John Pruzin, Jr and his Tamburitza Band.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30

5:00 PM †August & Josephine Dravet

SUNDAY OCTOBER 1 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM †Philip & Kerry Bruno
 †Merlita Velaquez
 †Frances Bradtke-Perz
9:30 AM St. Michael Parish
11:30 AM Name Day of Mother Grace Therese

MONDAY OCTOBER 2

7:00 AM †Joseph Zaborske

TUESDAY OCTOBER 3

7:00 AM †Thomas Tadevic

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4

7:00 AM †Bill Salas
8:55 AM All Souls

THURSDAY OCTOBER 5

7:00 AM †Dennis Miller
 †Sharon Kras
 †David Kras

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6

7:00 AM †Burton Barrientez, Jr.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7

8:00 AM †Lucy Cardenas
5:00 PM †Carol Jakubowicz

SUNDAY OCTOBER 8 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM †Irene Mancaya
9:30 AM †Robbin Miles
 †John & Helen Sandor
 †Christine Thebault
11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

† indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for October 8, 2023, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

I. *Isaiah 5:1-7*

Isaiah sang of his friend, "My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside." The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are God's cherished plant.

II. *Philippians 4:6-9*

Paul wrote, "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition...the God of peace will be with you." With thanksgiving, make your request known to God.

III. *Matthew 21:33-43*

Jesus told the parable of the vineyard owner who sent out slaves and finally his son to the rebellious tenants who killed them. "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes."

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