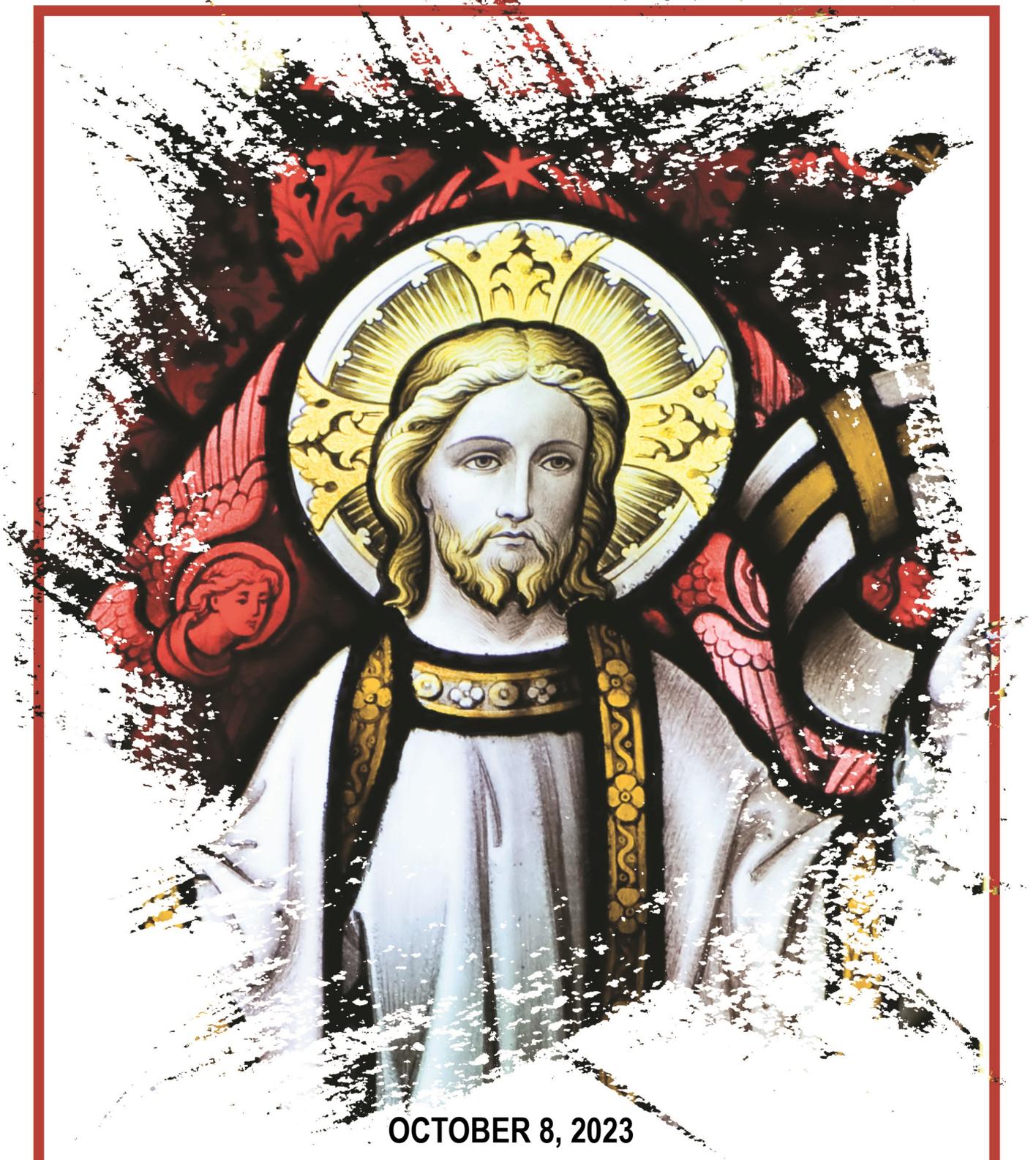


WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



OCTOBER 8, 2023

*“THE STONE THAT THE BUILDERS REJECTED HAS
BECOME THE CORNERSTONE.” — MT 21:42AB*

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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Website: www.stmichaelparish.life

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- Altar Servers
- Art & Environment
- Cross Bearers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Hospitality
- Lectors
- Liturgy Committee
- Music Ministry
- Centering Prayer Ministry
- RCIA
- Sacristan
- Ministers of Care

Education & Formation Commission

- Adult Catholic Education
- Alpha
- Baptismal Preparation
- Catholic Bible Study
- Faith Formation
- Marriage Preparation
- Radiate

Stewardship & Parish Administration

- Cemetery Committee
- 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

Peace & Social Justice Commission

- Good Samaritans
- Labors of Love
- Rebuilding Hope Mission Team
- Wheelchair Ramp Ministry
- Respect Life Group
- Pastoral Care

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From the Pastor's Desk

When is enough, enough? The process of gaining as many things as you want, as many experiences, objects and desires, leads to wanting more. It is a basic law of acquisition. People who earn \$175,000 a year still find themselves in debt as much or even more than those who earn \$45,000 a year. Indeed, someone who makes six figures cannot imagine living on half of that, while someone who earns \$50,000 can't imagine living on less. We all think we can use a little bit more. The basic law of acquisition is that enough is never enough and more never really satisfies.

Thus, the lurching in the market and the delicacy of our economy concerns us more and more. It is not that we should be unconcerned about the economy, but that we should keep it in proper perspective. If I am attached to the material things I have and desire more, a hiccup in the market could easily lead to personal depression and loss of hope. But if I can see all I have as gift and some of that being far more important than other parts of it then I can keep a hold of hope; not hope in the fluctuating markets but hope in the One God that does not falter or devalue. This is the point of today's gospel.

The tenants in the vineyard, presented in the Gospel today, were given a generous portion of the harvest, but enough was not enough. So, to acquire more, they first beat the master's servants and then killed them and then killed the son. Yet, what did they actually acquire? The master's rage. In their attempt to "have it all" (a stated goal of life these days), they lost the little they had. The law of acquisition leads to loss.

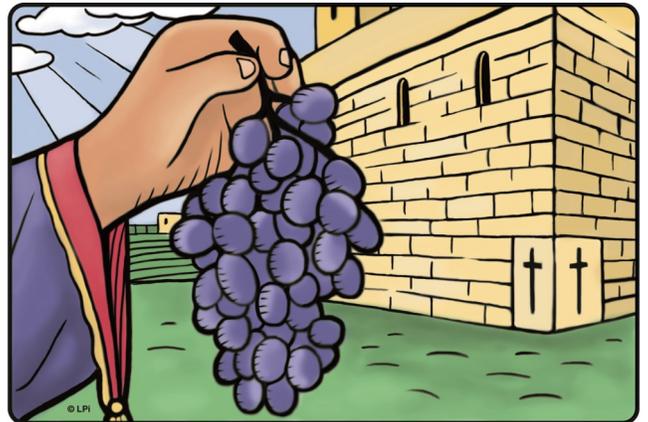
For you and me to gain so many things, we have to lose other less obvious things that root our lives with one another and within ourselves. We lose belief in strength gained from suffering, a truth that stretches far back into our common past. We lose confidence in God's providence for us assuming decisions of life and death; deciding when a child is best brought into the world or when we want to leave this world ala "mercy killing." We lose genuine innocence as we sell our individuality to own the latest fashions in clothes, lifestyles or SUVs. We end up losing ourselves in our mad rush to acquire as much as we can.

The one with the most toys at the end does not win anything except bonus points on his/her credit card. What can you give away this week and what can you do without? Jesus implores us to use the same energy we use to acquire things to search for Him in the things we already have — our family and friends, the Holy Scripture, the gift of the Eucharist and the Liturgy, in the beauty of this planet and the rugged beauty of the people who inhabit it.

That is why generosity is so essential for us to be able to grow in the Christian Life. Being generous is a challenge to trust in God's generosity. The most essential quality for a Christian to have is trust. Trust allows us to put God first. Trust allows us to care for the poor. Trust allows us to be open to God's will. Trust allows us to sacrifice for a greater good. Trust allows us to be saved. Without trust in God's providence, salvation is impossible because we do not save ourselves.

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 calendar now in your Android or iPhone, You will not want to miss this one!

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.





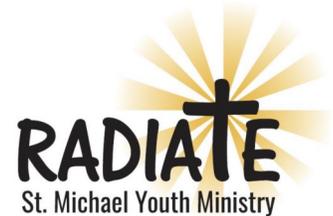
Last Marian Devotion of 2023
October 8th
6:15 PM
Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine



Eucharistic Adoration
October 11th
1:00-4:00 PM
in the Chapel

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 8th: Friendship & Relationship Situations—What to Say & Do 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall
October 29th: HALLOWEEN PARTY, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Thank you so much, Fr Robert, for a wonderful Adoration Experience last week! We appreciate your time and love of our Lord and all that you do for our Church!
Submitted by Jeannine Quigley

CONFERENCE '23

Our Hearts Are Burning Within Us: Journeying with Jesus in Ministry
Arde Nuestro Corazón: Caminando Juntos con Jesus en el Ministerio

Diocese of Gary
 Offices of Worship and Intercultural Ministry

AVIVAMIENTO EUCHARISTICO 2022-2023
 EUCHARISTICO REVIVAL

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

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

Our keynote speaker for CONFERENCE '23 is Father Michael S. Driscoll, PH.D., S.T.D., Professor Emeritus of Theology at Notre Dame University. **FOOD AND HOSPITALITY WILL BE PROVIDED!**

SMS & Faith Formation News

Michelle Wacnik, Principal

Kimberley Hoogveen, DRE



SMS is collecting Strack & Van Til receipts to earn FREE educational items for the classroom. Please send in your receipts dated September 1, 2023—March 31, 2024. For more information, please visit www.aftsSVT.com.

THIRD GRADERS START A NEW RELIGIOUS ADVENTURE!



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.

Today, October 8th, we celebrate with a Mass to start a new program for such Families, *“Do This in Memory.”* 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 is Off to a Great Start this Year!

- Catechists gathered in August to learn more about Communication in the classroom, as they prepared for their students.
- Catechists helped at the Ministry Fair held in September to answer any questions or inquiries regarding the Faith Formation Program.
- Sunday Family Program - Fr. Marty and Fr. Robert led us in an opening day prayer as classes began!



LIVING SCRIPTURAL ROSARY EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH BENEDICTION

The Respect Life Ministry is hosting a Living Scriptural Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction on **October 9th** at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. Sixty people are needed to represent a "Living Bead" in the rosary. As a "Living Bead," you will stand while your candle is lit and all prayers are prayed together. Please arrive by 6:30 PM, if you would like to participate as a "Living Bead."

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Submitted by Cathy Bartczak



3rd, 4th and 5th Graders who love to sing are needed for Children's Choir. Rehearsals are every Thursday through January 7th in the church, 3:30-4:15 PM. Children will sing once a month at the 9:30 AM Mass. Please contact Miss Mangione at 219-322-4505, ext. 8227 if you want your child to join..

A NIGHT OF ELEGANCE AND ENJOYMENT



LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER



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, *Steve DeLuca, Pat Christenson, Sherry Lazzaro, Audrey Lyons*, Evalynn Taylor 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.

**THE GOOD SAMARITANS NEED YOUR HELP!
THE SHELF SUPPLY IS DWINDLING!
WE ARE IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**



**ST. MICHAEL
PARISH**
Schererville, Indiana



THE GOOD SAMARITANS

**SERVING THE SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY...
FOR GROCERIES OR UTILITY/ RENT ASSISTANCE,
PLEASE CALL**



219-322-4505 EXT. 8250



Tuna
Pasta Sides
Chili
Pork & Beans
White Beans
Corn
Bath Soap

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

Registration for New Parishioners

New members may register next Sunday, October 15th, after the 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses. We ask that you have the **dates and places of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage** for all members of the family. You may also register at the parish office Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM or register online. Just visit the website, www.stmichaelparish.life, hover over "I'm New," and click on "Become a Parishioner" If you have any questions please call at the parish office 322-4505, ext. 8220 or email jpatzelt@stmichaelparish.life.

KEEP UPDATED ON CURRENT ISSUES



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! *Submitted by Cathy Bartczak*



Meeting
October 17th
10:00 AM
St. Patrick Hall



Stewardship by the Book

In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers, but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?

Stewardship in Action

Find ease from anxiety through love, joy, gratitude and getting centered in Christ. Do something small for yourself and another with that love. *Submitted by Conchita Bryner*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 27, 2023

Adult	\$10,981.00
Children	\$3.00
EFTs	\$5,258.00
Loose	\$1,147.00

Total Weekly Offering
\$17,389.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Growing Into the Future
Together

GIFT Campaign Update as of October 1, 2023

# of Pledges	342
\$ Total Pledged	\$3,752,206
% of Goal (\$ 5.0 M)	75%
% Collected	10%

Thank you to those who have pledged and contributed. We encourage those who have not yet pledged to prayerfully consider making a pledge.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY OCTOBER 8

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses
 Faith Formation Family Session 9:30 AM
 "Do This in Memory of Me" Mass 11:30 AM
 RCIA 9:30 AM
 Radiate 6:00 PM
 Marian Devotions 6:15 PM

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

MONDAY OCTOBER 9

Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM
 Living Rosary 7:00 PM

TUESDAY OCTOBER 10

Senior GEMS 10:00 AM
 Faith Formation 6:00 PM
 Catholic Bible Study 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11

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

THURSDAY OCTOBER 12

Children's Choir Practice 3:30-4:15 PM
 Bereavement 7:00 PM
 Choir Practice 7:00 PM

FRIDAY OCTOBER 13

Bell Choir Practice 6:00 PM

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15

New Membership Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses
 RCIA 9:30 AM

*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.

*FISH FRY FRIDAYS

Descent of the Holy Spirit Church, 545 E. 77th Ave/ Seberger Rd., Schererville is having Fish Fry Fridays during the month of October, 4:00-7:00 PM. Eat in or take out. Please call 219-864-1529 for more information.

*IT'S A CLASS REUNION

Did you graduate from Elizabeth Seton High School, South Holland in 1975? The 50th Class reunion is being planned and we are looking for you! Join us on Facebook or email seton50reunion2025@gmail.com

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 OCTOBER 7

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

MONDAY OCTOBER 9

7:00 AM †William "Billy" Frantz

TUESDAY OCTOBER 10

7:00 AM †Beverly Talluto

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11

7:00 AM †Charles Cary

8:55 AM †John Tumpich

THURSDAY OCTOBER 12

7:00 AM †Stacy Austgen

FRIDAY OCTOBER 13

7:00 AM For an End to Abortion on Demand and for a Conversion of Heart for those who Provide Abortions

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14

8:00 AM †John Hemmerling

5:00 PM †Kyle N. Arnold

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM †Jocelyn Burgess

†Nancy Gordon

†Domingo & Margetta Brasileno

9:30 AM St. Michael Parish

11:30 AM †Joseph Seneczko

†indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for October 15, 2023, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

I. *Isaiah 25:6-10a*

Isaiah prophesied, "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide...a feast of rich food and choice wines...The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face...The hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain."

II. *Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20*

Paul wrote, "I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry." When people share each other's hardships, God supplies their needs fully in Christ Jesus.

III. *Matthew 22:1-14*

Jesus likened God's reign to a great wedding banquet that a king gave for his son. Many were invited; some ignored the invitation. One guest was thrown out for disrespectful dress. In God's reign, "many are invited, but few are chosen."