



OCTOBER 15, 2023
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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

Surprise! You're invited! In a society that has produced the sayings; “party on!,” “party animal,” and “life is a party,” we might find it hard to believe the story we hear today in Matthew’s Gospel. How could anyone turn down an invitation to a grand party, especially to the King’s party? Most people would never reject an invitation to party with royalty unless of course we are caught by surprise with the invitation which demands our response immediately. Such a last-minute invitation can upset the balance of our schedule, demanding flexibility. In such cases, we have to set aside our important tasks, we have to surrender our freedom to the surprise invitation. This is exactly Matthew’s point in relaying this story told by Jesus.

In the story, notice that all the invited guests unexpectedly receive the invitation and they are “expected” to attend. They take offense at this presumption by the King, so much so that in their anger they rebel and kill his servants. These first guests are not about to be told what to do and when to do it. It is far easier to accept an invitation that does not interrupt our schedule. Last minute invitations, and the expectations that accompany them, can certainly get under our skin. Such spontaneity is an infringement on our “freedom.”

Some of the best parties are surprise parties. If we are expecting a gold engraved invitation from God to be dressed and ready for the party God has planned from the beginning of time, we wait in vain. Jesus was clear in His preaching that God’s celebration is already happening in the events and in the people around us.

Every time we see God in the persons we read about in the newspaper or the persons we meet during the day and treat them with the deference we would treat God, we accept God’s surprise invitation. Every time you and I are generous, when we sacrifice and trust that God will sanctify our sacrifice, we embrace this King’s invitation.

God gives you and me plenty of opportunities to practice the virtue of trust, but if I see those opportunities as intrusions, then I learn no more than to trust only in myself and not God’s providence.



Events like the recent natural disasters or a loved one’s sickness or even our need to raise the funds to be prepared for the future of St. Michael’s Parish; giving our children good air quality in the school building and providing for the continued growth and development of our many ministries with a new and accessible Parish Administration center do not happen on our individual personal schedules. They are often invitations to trust, to practice the kind of trust we will need to be able to enter into God’s heavenly feast.

The story makes it clear what will happen to us if we do not accept the invitation, the surprise of God’s call. The great news is that God’s grace, His loving presence, has already preceded the call and so you and I need to be open, trusting that the One who invites us to be generous will never let us down.

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!

There will be one large Mass that Sunday at Mt. Calvary. Recreating the beloved picture (which hangs in St. Patrick Hall) of our forbearers 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.

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BEST
TIME
YOU
WILL
SPEND
ON
EARTH.

MOTHER TERESA

**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION
OCTOBER 18TH
1:00-4:00 PM
IN THE CHAPEL**

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CONFERENCE '23

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

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

Diocese of Gary
Offices of Worship and Intercultural Ministry

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. St. Michael parishioners, please **register at www.dcgary.org/event/conference-23** and 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 **igatons@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

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Apples
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Students

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

**CONFIRMATION
PARENT MEETING
OCTOBER 19TH
7:00 PM IN
ST. PATRICK HALL**

Theology Uncorked

November 7th

6:15-8:30 PM

St. Patrick Hall

*Topic: How Angels and Demons
Influence Us*

Presenter: Father Robert Ross

Registration will take place October 21st/22nd,
28th/29th and November 4th/5th after all Masses or
call Janice at 322-4505, ext. 8241.

**Wine, water and pop will be available.
Please bring own snacks.**



Centering Prayer/Spiritual Book Club Ministry

Members meet via ZOOM from the comfort of their own homes *every Monday* (except for holidays), 6:00-7:00 PM. Interested in group praying AND book discussions?! Please contact Peggy Kolarik at 219-322-1886 or peggy.kolarik@att.net.

It's time to "RADIATE!"



Are you in High School? Do you know of any High School teens? You are welcome to RADIATE- our high school youth ministry! It's a fun time for sure. From sharing thoughts and experiences to praying and sharing our faith with each other, we journey together and are here for you.

Keep informed by signing up for our reminders: Send a text to 81010 then text this message to: @radiate. Any questions please contact Jeannine Quigley at 219-775-5356 or Marisa Richardson at 219-730-4735.

Upcoming Schedule:

October 29th: Halloween Party-costume contest, yummy food + more FUN! 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

November 12th: Gathering, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

November 16th-18th: NCYC trip to Indianapolis

November 26th: Gathering, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Submitted by Jeannine Quigley

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Raegan Kate Green
Margot Kathryn Canada



For Those Who Have Died...

John Gallas
Charlene Prenizny

Life has changed, not ended



LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

Jerry Caravana, Ken Caravana, Gerald L. Moore, June Marie Czajkowski, Pat Markiewicz, ***Jody Woods, Marlene Weber, Mary Ann Adam, John Schnosenberg, Mary Scheub, Steve DeLuca, Pat Christenson, Sherry Lazzaro, Audrey Lyons, Evalynn Taylor, Betty Ann Bradtke, Timothy Bunchek*** 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.



REBUILDING HOPE MISSION TEAM LENDING A HELPING HAND

Rebuilding Hope Mission Team assisted St. Michael's parishioner, Ursula Buchnat along with Schererville Civic Foundation member, Leo Rodriguez with a temporary ramp for Ursula's daughter who suffers from Parkinson Disease and had recent foot surgery.

If you wish to participate in the Rebuilding Hope Mission Team with projects such as this, please contact the parish office at 219-322-4505.

Please support the Schererville Civic Foundation who provided the temporary ramp for Ursula's daughter.



Walking with Moms in Need



Walking with Moms in Need (WWMIN) is an Action Plan to bring hope and to support pregnant and parenting women in need.

- • WWMIN cares about mothers and their children-we care about YOU!
- • WWMIN assists women in navigating through difficult circumstances.
- • WWMIN helps women locate and access local resources.
- • WWMIN Is CONFIDENTIAL and respecting of your privacy.

For any assistance, please call 219-865-0217.

PLEASE HELP THE GOOD SAMARITANS
WHO ARE IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:



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

All Those 50+, Parishioner or Non-Parishioner



Join the Fun! Join the Conversation! Make New Friends!

We are planning a shopping trip with a lunch break to Winona Lake, IN on Tuesday,
October 24th, weather permitting. We will carpool from church at 8:00 AM and return about
4:00 PM. All are welcome. If the weather doesn't like us, we will go to breakfast for social time.
submitted by Nancy Finley



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



Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family



Children's Bulletins are
available on the two
tables by the glass
windows in the
Gathering Space

**New Member
Registration
This Sunday
After the
7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses**

Stewardship in Action

How is God calling you? What can you do this week to answer that call? Perhaps help someone with yard work. Go to the store or make a meal for someone in need. Go to Mass during the middle of the week. Sit quietly and listen to someone. Listen for God's calling.

Submitted by Conchita Bryner

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
Life is a beauty, admire it.
Life is a dream, realize it.
Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty, complete it.
Life is a game, play it.
Life is too precious, do not destroy it.
Life is life, fight for it!

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Receive God's gifts gratefully

Nurture God's gifts responsibly

Share God's gifts justly and charitably

Return those gifts to God abundantly

Stewardship by the Book

In today's second reading, St. Paul thanks the Philippians for being willing to share his hardships and promises that God, in turn, will fully supply all their needs. Our God truly cannot be outdone in generosity!

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15

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

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

MONDAY OCTOBER 16

Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM
Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00 PM

TUESDAY OCTOBER 17

Labors of Love 10:00 AM
Baptismal Prep 6:00 PM
Faith Formation 6:00 PM
Catholic Bible Study 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18

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

THURSDAY OCTOBER 19

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

FRIDAY OCTOBER 20

Bell Choir Practice 6:00 PM

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21

Anointing of the Sick Mass 8:00 AM
Finance Council Meeting 9:00 AM
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM
2nd Collection-Propagation of Faith

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22

2nd Collection-Propagation of Faith
RCIA 9:30 AM



September 3, 2023

Adult	\$15,215.00
Children	\$4.00
EFTs	\$5,513.00
Loose	\$487.00

Total Weekly Offering
\$21,219.00

Habitat for Humanity Collection
\$3,852.00

Thank you for your generosity!

OCTOBERFEST

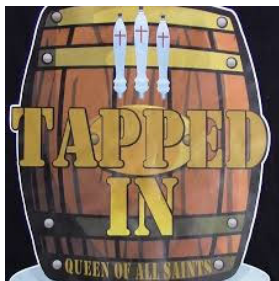
Please join us for good food, dancing and pure wholesome fun. On **October 15th**, St. Nicholas Apostolate, St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, 557 W 57th Ave, Merrillville, is hosting an OctoberFest, 11:30 AM-2:30 PM. Lunch and music provided. For \$15 per adult, there will be stuffed cabbage,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

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

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



*FISH FRY DINNERS

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.

*THE MAN OF THE SHROUD

'The Man of the Shroud' Exhibit will take place **October 23rd-November 4th**, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 7132 Arizona Ave., Hammond. The exhibit will be open to visitors the following times:

Oct. 23rd: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM & 6:00-8:00 PM
Oct. 24th: 9:00-11:00 AM & 1:00-8:00 PM
Oct. 25th: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM & 5:00-8:00 PM
Oct. 26th: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM & 4:00-8:00 PM
Oct. 27th: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM & 6:00-8:00 PM
Oct. 28th: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Oct. 29th: 9:00 AM-8:00 PM
Oct. 30th: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Oct. 31st: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM & 3:00-8:00 PM
Nov. 1st: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM & 3:00-8:00 PM
Nov. 2nd: 10:00 AM-11:00 AM & 3:00-8:00 PM
Nov. 3rd: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM & 5:00-8:00 PM
Nov. 4th: 9:00 AM-8:00 PM

*SPANISH PREPARATION TO ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT'S TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

This preparation in Spanish will take place at the Carmelite Fathers basement, in Munster, starting **October 26th**, at 10:30 AM for 33 weeks. This Preparation consists of 33 lessons one per week and two retreats. It will conclude with a Consecration MASS. It's completely free. Please contact Juanita at 219 365-0582/enriquezjuana567@gmail.com if you have any questions or need more information.

*MISSION

The 2023 Our Lady of Consolation and Holy Martyrs Parish Mission, "*All Are Welcome, All Belong*," is taking place **November 12th-14th**, featuring catechetical speaker, singer, composer and recording artist **Vallimar Jansen**. The mission will start at 7:00 PM each night, with doors opening at 6:30 PM at Our Lady of Consolation, 8303 Taft St., Merrillville. For more information, please contact Melissa Novak at 219-769-1755/ evangelization@46410.org. A free will offering is appreciated.



*LAS VEGAS NITE

The Knights of Columbus Council #8082, Dyer, is hosting a *Las Vegas Nite* on **November 4th** in St. Joseph Gym, 440 Joliet, Dyer. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Close at 11:30 PM. The following games will be featured: blackjack, roulette, 3-card poker, money wheel, beat the dealer dice, live poker, cash raffle and tip-split. \$15 admission includes all foods, desserts and beverages. Open to those 21 years and older. For more information, please call 219-738-3787.

IT'S A CLASS REUNION!

Did you go to Elizabeth Seton High School in South Holland, IL? Did you graduate in 1975? The 50th Class Reunion is being planned and we are looking for you! Please visit the FaceBook page:

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Looking forward to hearing from you-CLASS OF '75 REUNION COMMITTEE.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14

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

MONDAY OCTOBER 16

7:00 AM † Departed Souls of the
Congregation of Mother of Carmel

TUESDAY OCTOBER 17

7:00 AM † Deacon Jack Krol

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18

7:00 AM † Victoria Gargas
8:55 AM All Souls

THURSDAY OCTOBER 19

7:00 AM † James Burnham

FRIDAY OCTOBER 20

7:00 AM † Aidan Colon
† Barbara Gierny

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21

8:00 AM † Philip Bruno
5:00 PM † Ronald & Charlene Prenizny

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM St. Michael Parish
9:30 AM † Dolores Leluga
† Ed Wantuch
11:30 AM † Leonard & Len Lula

† indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for October 22, 2023, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

I. *Isaiah 45:1,4-6*

The Lord anointed Cyrus of Persia to subdue the nations and free Israel. God made Persia great so that everyone might know that there is no god besides the Lord God of Israel.

II. *1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b*

The Thessalonians believed in the gospel, lived in the Holy Spirit, and labored in love with full conviction. Paul thanked God for the faith of the Thessalonians and remembered them in prayer.

III. *Matthew 22:15-21*

When some Pharisees tried to trap Jesus into saying something negative about the emperor, Jesus used a Roman coin to teach them, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

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