

WELCOME TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ALL SAINTS DAY

NOV. 1

&

ALL SOULS DAY

NOV. 2

OCTOBER 29, 2023
30TH 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

The Center of the Circle. Confusion seems to reign these days; confusion about many things social and political. Trouble in our city streets, in the Middle East, in Ukraine and even in the domestic life of far too many people. Turbulences in our faith also raise our eyebrows. Some people think that the Church is not clear enough, strict enough or pious enough. Others think that the Church is too strict on some matters, unfocused on other matters and still not pious enough. There is both fear and hope swirling around the Synod on Synodality taking place at the Vatican this month and next October. So, what is most important? That everyone pray the Rosary – that everyone sing a certain style of music in only one language – that you are a serious Catholic if you belong to a Bible Study group? What is most central to our faith?

The central command Jesus gives us is to love God: to love God with all our heart, soul and mind and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Jesus calls you and me to love God as much as we love our heart that keeps us alive. Jesus wants us to love God so deeply that we understand that our very being/soul is found only with God, in prayer. Jesus implores us to love God so much that we are eager to read and study about God and God's revelation in this world. All three are necessary but in order to have a truly balanced love of God, we must love other people as we love our very self.

A balanced love for God is always expressed in our actions. Thus, Jesus forever connects the two commandments into one. Loving God cannot be accomplished fully without loving our neighbor. Notice, there is no footnote to delineate who our neighbor is and who our neighbor is not. Loving our neighbor can only come when we learn to love who we are. That is why Jesus connects loving God with all our heart, mind and soul to loving ourselves. To love someone hinges on how we know someone. The more we find out about our Divine Creator, the more we discover who we really are. We discover that we are the vessels of God. If our mind is united to God's in Jesus, then our heart beats with life built on genuine love that comes from God in Jesus.

This is not some "nice idea" about love. This love is strong and terrible. Strong, in that it cannot be quenched by critics, suspicion, naysayers or prophets of doom. It is terrible because it demands of every Christian a movement of surrender of "self" to the Will of God, which is hard to do, but is possible when we hand ourselves over daily to God in our work, prayer and play.

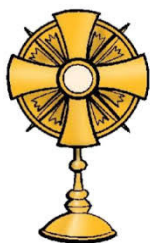
When we see God's image in us, we must see it in others too. So, what is most central to our faith? It is this journey to love God with our whole self and so to come to love ourselves as God's image and to love our neighbor's as God's image. Boiled down, this means to act with mercy and charity. All of our prayers, devotions and study must point us to this greatest command. It is essential we keep our eye on the ball, as they say. Keep our eyes fixed on Christ who shows us the way to love and give ourselves to God.



Holy Day of Obligation — ALL SAINTS DAY — Wednesday, Nov. 1
Masses on Nov 1st: 7:00 AM — 9:00 AM — 7:00 PM

All Souls Remembrance — Thursday, Nov. 2
Masses on Nov 2nd: 7:00 AM — Noon on Mt. Calvary — 7:00 PM

All names that have been submitted will be placed in our Book of the Dead which will be near the baptismal font throughout the month of November until Advent begins. On All Souls Day, we will have three Masses, one in the morning at 7:00 AM, one at Noon on Mt. Calvary (weather permitting) and a special All Souls Mass at 7:00 PM for those who have died since last October.



**Eucharistic Adoration
Come and Spend Time
with the Lord
November 1st
1:00-4:00 PM
in the Chapel**

**November 1st is All Saints Day, a Holy Day
of Obligation.**

**Mass times are 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM
and 7:00 PM**



**November 2nd is All Souls Day
Mass times are 7:00 AM, 12:00 PM
(on Mt. Calvary) and 7:00 PM**

**The 7:00 PM Mass is a liturgy of special
remembrance for all the faithfully departed
of the parish and especially for those who
have died since October 15, 2022.**

***Theology Uncorked
November 7th, 6:15-8:30 PM
in St. Patrick Hall
Topic:: How Angels and
Demons Influence Us
Presenter: Fr. Robert Ross***

Registration will take place this weekend and
next weekend after all Masses or call Janice at
322-4505, ext. 8241.



**Wine, water and pop will
be available.**

Please bring own snacks.

**ADULTS &
STUDENTS 4TH GRADE & UP
ARE NEEDED FOR BELL CHOIR
COME & RING A BELL OR TWO
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



It's time to "RADIATE!"

All High Schoolers are invited to join us.... Radiate is a place of sharing, experiencing, and journeying together in our Life and in our Faith. Let's walk together. Keep updated by signing up for our texts: 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 with prizes: FUNNIEST/BEST HOMEMADE/MOST ORIGINAL, plus games and food, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

November 11th: 5:00 PM Mass for NCYC send off and then gathering in Hall for meeting other diocesan teens going to NCYC

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

November 16-18th: NCYC trip to Indianapolis (leaving St. Michael's parking lot in the morning)

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

December 10th: Gathering, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

December 22nd: Christmas Party, 6:00-8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Submitted by Jeannine Quigley

SMS & Faith Formation News

Michelle Wacnik, Principal

Kimberley Hoogeveen, DRE

SMS is having a Book Walk!



SMS is in need of books that are in good condition for any young age through 9th grade material.

Please drop off at the main office door by November 16th.

Questions?

Contact Lori Bonnell at familyservicehours2324@gmail.com

Please Pray for our First Communicants



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. We are asking you the parish, to help support the children making their First Communion, by taking a **NAME CARD** of one of the children, and pray for them throughout their time of preparation.

Name Cards will be available in the vestibule after all Masses on November 12th.



Veteran's Day Program

Presented by SMS Children

November 10th

9:30 AM in SMS Gym

Please call the school office at 219-322-4531 for more information.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Another one of our parishioners, Dave Piekarczyk, was honored recently for his military service by going on an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to see the WWII, Korean War and Vietnam Veterans Memorials built in tribute to the service of our veterans. Dave, as well as others on the **Honor Flight Chicago**, spent the day touring these special memorials all the while being thanked for their service and sacrifice. Congratulations to Dave and **"Thank You for Your Service"** to our country. Submitted by Mary Jo Rymarczyk



Welcome the Newly Baptized

Ezekiel Brandon Wadas



LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

Betty Ann Bradtke, Timothy Bunchek, Otis Cochran III 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 NEWS

Submitted by Cathy Bartczak

40 Days for Life Campaign September 27th - November 5th

The Respect Life Ministry would like to remind everyone that there are only 8 days left of the 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign sponsored by Lake County Right to Life. The 40 Days for Life is a prayer campaign held worldwide with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion. If you would like to take part in this 40 Days for Life Campaign, consider joining other pro-lifers "on the hill" at Planned Parenthood in Merrillville Tuesday - Thursday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Friday - Saturday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. for a peaceful, non-confrontational prayer vigil to pray for the end of abortion. **Parishioners from St Michael's are planning to go to Planned Parenthood on Wednesday, November 1st at 11:45 AM for an hour of peaceful vigil and prayer.**

Peaceful vigil is not the only way to participate in this prayer campaign. If you cannot participate at Planned Parenthood, perhaps you would be able to attend Adoration on Wednesdays, 1:00-4:00 PM or just praying and fasting in your own home. There are 360 hours left of this campaign; can you give just 1 hour to stand up for life?

One Life Saved. One Mother Protected. One Mind Changed.



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!



INSTALLING ANOTHER RAMP

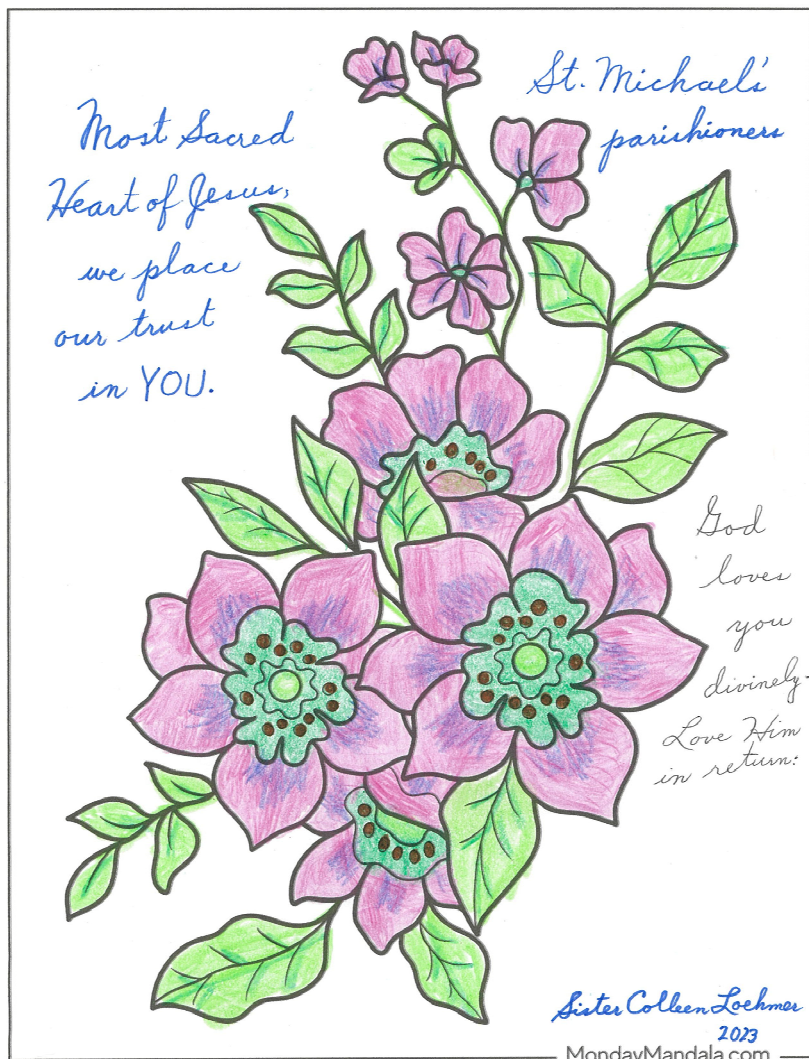
On October 16th, the Wheelchair Ramp Ministry installed its 62nd ramp for Barbara Prahovich in Munster. Pictured are Barbara and her husband, Steve. They found out about us from a Times newspaper reporter.

If you wish to participate in this ministry in any way, please contact the St. Michael's parish office at 219-322-4505 or contact Catholic Charities at outreach@catholic-charities.org or call 219-886-3549 and ask for Jessa Conn.

Submitted by Jim Koeling

**Blood Pressure, Glucose
and
Oxygen Level Screenings
will take place
November 18th/19th
in the east coat room
after the 5:00 PM,
7:30 AM and
9:30 AM
Masses**





Sent to St. Michael parishioners from
Sr. Colleen

The Good Samaritans News

Submitted by Sue Cohen

OUR SHELVES ARE GETTING LOW ON THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS:



 **ANDREW DINNER**

Who would you like to introduce
to the priesthood?

Thursday, November 30, 2023

5:30 pm Mass
Dinner to Follow

Queen of All Saints
1725 E Barker Ave | Michigan City

TO RSVP: CONTACT JO ANNE ROSENOW
 jrosenow@dcdgary.org  219.769.9292
EXT. 221



Meeting
November 7th
10:00 AM
St. Patrick Hall



Can we help?

The Good Samaritans are offering a limited number of our annual Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets to **Parishioners** in need of assistance.

Please contact our voice mail at 322-4505, extension 8250 and leave a message with your name and contact number **by November 10th**.

A ministry member will return your call to explain distribution details.

We are always here to assist our St. Michael Parish Family.



**All Those 50+,
Parishioner or
Non-Parishioner
Come Join the Fun!
All are Welcome!
10:00 AM in
SE Meeting Room of
St. Patrick Hall**

November Schedule:

14th: Meeting in which we will finalize plans for December and start planning for 2024.

28th: Art Project

submitted by Nancy Finley



Stewardship in Action

We all want to be loved. Ask your family members what love is to them and talk about God's love. How can you show more love?

Submitted by Conchita Bryner

Stewardship by the Book

We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship-joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities and resources to meet our neighbor's need.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

September 17, 2023

Adult	\$12,042.00
Children	\$24.00
EFTs	\$6,128.00
Loose	\$470.00

**Total Weekly Offering
\$18,664.00**

Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY OCTOBER 29

Theology Uncorked Signups After All Masses

RCIA 9:30 AM

"Catch the Spirit" Mass 11:30 AM

Radiate 6:00 PM

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

MONDAY OCTOBER 30

Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM

Liturgy Committee Meeting 7:00 PM

TUESDAY OCTOBER 31

No Faith Formation-Fall Break

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1

Holy Day Masses: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM

No Faith Formation-Fall Break

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2

Mass on Mt. Calvary 12:00 PM

Children's Choir Practice 3:15 PM

Mass of Remembrance 7:00 PM

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3

Bell Choir Practice 6:00 PM

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4

First Saturday Devotions After 8:00 AM Mass

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM

2nd Collection-Education Foundation

Theology Uncorked Signups After Vigil Mass

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5

2nd Collection-Education Foundation

Theology Uncorked Signups After All Masses

RCIA 9:30 AM

Blessing of Confirmandi & Sponsors 11:30 AM Mass

THE MAN OF THE SHROUD

‘The Man of the Shroud’ Exhibit is open at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 7132 Arizona Ave., Hammond. The exhibit will be open to visitors the following times:

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

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.

MARIAN OPEN HOUSE

Join Marian Catholic High School for an Open House on **November 5th**, 1:00-3:00 PM, to explore academic programs and college prep curriculum. Perspective families will learn how students get involved, lead and serve. Families will have the opportunity to talk to coaches, teachers, staff members and current parents. Please note the last tour is at 2:30 PM.



*STM CAREER GROUP

NOVEMBER 8TH

7:00-8:30 PM

AT STM WEIS CENTER

FINAL SESSION

WALK IN SESSION:

Have all your questions answered for a successful job search

Important Note:

Due to low meeting attendance and the inability to secure speakers, November 8, 2023 will be our last meeting. Jim Kaczka & Donna Weidenfeller will be available for assistance through email: stmcareergroup@gmail.com after November 8, 2023.

PARISH MISSION

Theme: All Are Welcome, All Belong

Gather at Our Lady of Consolation at 7:00 PM **November 12th, 13th & 14th** for an inspiring parish mission! Our Keynote speaker, ValLimar Jansen is internationally renown among Catholic musicians and speakers for her dynamic gift of music and story telling. Doors open at 6:30 PM each night. Questions? Please contact Melissa Novak at 219-769-1755, ext. 308.



*FCSLA CARMELITE FUNDRAISER HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Branch 81 members are invited to a luncheon on **Nov. 19th**, 1:00 PM at Dynasty Banquets, 4125 Calumet Ave., Hammond. Carmelite Home in East Chicago will be the benefactor of our matching funds project. Please bring a gift card or monetary donation to help the children and purchase raffle tickets so that we can make \$600 to get the full match from our Home Office. *Those attending MUST RSVP on or before Nov. 12th to Becky at 219-801-6665.* Cost for guests of members is \$25.

HOLIDAY MARKET

The St. Margaret Ann Polish Language School will host a Holiday Market, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM, **Dec. 3rd** at the Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine's Millennium Hall, 5755 Pennsylvania St., Merrillville. Admission is free; featured will be baked goods, crafts, clothing, jewelry and more. Proceeds will benefit the students and also used toward school supplies. Interested vendors should contact Margaret Blachut at 219-613-5148; *vendor forms and a \$25 rental fee are due by Nov. 25th.* Participants must bring their own tables.



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 28

5:00 PM † Anne Sullivan

SUNDAY OCTOBER 29 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM † Jose Mancaya

9:30 AM † Phyllis McNeill-Birthday

† Clark Imbler

† Stan Kulig

11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

MONDAY OCTOBER 30

7:00 AM † Henry Lyza

TUESDAY OCTOBER 31

7:00 AM † Dolores Leluga

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS DAY

7:00 AM † Charles Cary

9:00 AM All Souls

7:00 PM † Pearla Gubatanga

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2 ALL SOULS DAY

7:00 AM All Souls

12:00 PM All Souls

7:00 PM All Souls

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3

7:00 AM † Alicia & Andres Magana

† Frances Bradtke-Prez

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4

8:00 AM All Souls

2:00 PM Wedding-Richard Alonzo &
Ashley Reyes

5:00 PM † Chandler Cowser

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM † Ed & Sue Stanish
Pfotenhauer Anniversary

9:30 AM St. Michael Parish

11:30 AM † John & Helen Sandor

† indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for November 5, 2023, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- I. *Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10* In the name of the Lord of hosts the prophet asked, "Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?"
- II. *1Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13* Paul gave thanks to God and praised the Thessalonians for receiving the gospel as God's word at work in all who believe. He said, "We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children."
- III. *Matthew 23:1-12* Jesus warned the crowds and disciples not to show off but to practice the faith humbly before God: "The greatest among you must be your servant."

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