

# Welcome to St. Michael the Archangel Church

**Second Sunday of Advent    December 7, 2025**

*A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Matthew 3:1-12*



Join us for  
Our Lady of  
Guadalupe  
Feast Day on  
December 12th.

**6:30 pm Danza Azteca**  
**7 pm Mass**

**All are welcome!**

*Our Lady of Guadalupe,  
Pray for Us.*





## 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 AM-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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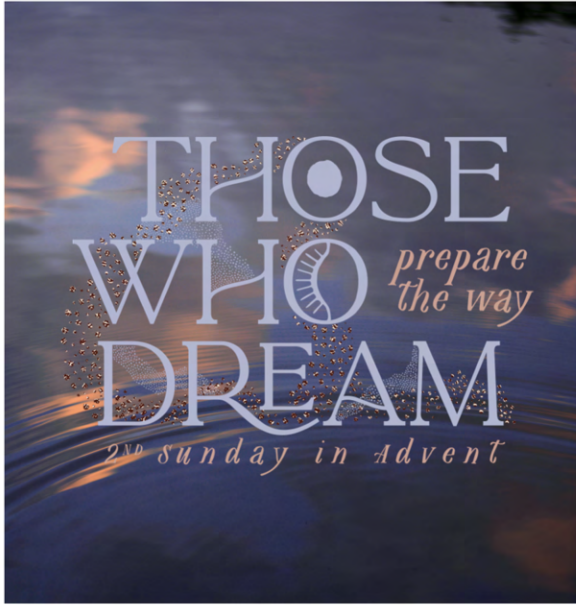
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**Dream a Little Dream.** Dreams are necessary for both our physical and psychological health. This is also true regarding our spiritual health. If we want to know what life is like without the benefit of dreams, we need not go very far. The poverty experienced by many who live in this region, not just in the struggling urban centers to the north of us, but down our street as well, touches far more than the pocketbook; it starves the soul too, and makes dreaming nearly impossible.

People oppressed by lack of good housing, fair employment and the healthy normalcy of a drug and alcohol free environment have little time to dream as they simply are trying to survive. However, the opposite of this human devastation; over-abundance and indulgence in clothes, cars, bigger and bigger houses, and the relentless pursuit of personal amenities can leave people without dreams as well.

Perhaps, you remember that pop song “Dream a Little Dream with Me.” Dreaming together with others allows us to dream big, not small. Isaiah shows us the way. He gives us God’s vision of how the world is not just meant to be, but how the world WILL be when God is finished. You and I are invited to dream this dream with God. In doing so, we participate in the coming of God’s mercy and justice. Everyone is asked to trust in this promise even if our experience is that of promises broken, dreams unfulfilled, and visions grown cloudy.

A good reflection for this Advent week is: “What in my life — what attitudes, feelings, perceptions, or actions are holding me back from dreaming God’s dream?” “What am I doing or allowing others to do to me that is obstructing my vision of the world as God sees the world?” In dealing with these questions, we are led to seek a solution for the question below: “Now that I have an idea of what holds me back, what can I do to move forward into God’s bright vision?” “How can I allow God to work through me to bring His dream closer to reality?”

Remember, Advent has a two-fold purpose. First and foremost, to prepare us all for the glorious coming of the risen Christ who comes to bring God’s judgment, that is, to bring God’s dream to completion. Secondly, by preparing us for this coming of Christ we can be prepared to celebrate with humble joy, not bombastic display, the coming of God as man in Jesus.

The incarnation of God, as man is the fulfillment of Isaiah’s vision and Christ’s further incarnation in his faithful people; you and me. This is the means by which the dream moves towards its fulfillment. Consequently, our participation in this bright and cheerful vision is much more than gift giving, baking, decorating, and reveling. It is allowing ourselves to take on Christ as he took on our flesh. It is to work with this child that was born to us to bring God’s dream to fulfillment.

### FYI – Penance Services Available:

St. Maria Goretti, Dyer – Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00 PM

St. Michael, Schererville – Monday, December 15 at 10:30 AM – 8 priests available

St. Mary’s, Crown Point – Tuesday, December 16 at 7:00 PM

St. Michael, Schererville – Wednesday, December 17 at 7:00 PM – 11 priests available



Dec. 8 is the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation.



Mass Times:

7:00 AM

9:00 AM

7:00 PM



In the Gathering Space there are "ornaments" for you to take and decorate. Please purchase some items to donate to our ministries and other local charities. Return the items with your ornament by December 21.



**"Ring out the Lord's Glory,  
Praise Him with Your Music."**



Have you ever considered playing bells at church? The St. Michael Bell Choir is looking for new members. Practices are held Fridays at 6:00 PM in the church. No musical experience is required. All those 4<sup>th</sup> grade on up are welcome to join. For any questions, contact Kathleen at 219-613-4870.



## Eucharistic Adoration

"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that adoration."

- St Teresa of Calcutta

**Come and Spend Time with the Lord— Wednesdays, 1:00 - 4:00 PM in the Chapel**

All are  
Welcome!



Scan here to make an online donation and support this wonderful festivity honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe. Your generosity is truly appreciated!

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day

**Friday, Dec 12**

**6pm Doors Open**

**6:30 pm Danza Azteca**

**7pm Mass with Fr. Robert Ross**

**Fellowship & Refreshments to follow in  
St. Patrick Hall.**



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St. Michael Parish Family, we invite you to join us in daily prayer. A spiritual journey, to enlighten our hearts throughout this Christmas season.

**December 7 - 24**

We begin with a Novena (December 7 - 15) to Our Blessed Lady of the Immaculate Conception and in honor of her heavenly apparition at Guadalupe. As we pray together, we open our hearts to the Mother who comes to us with tenderness, protection, and unfailing love.

Daily Prayers beginning December 7 will arrive in your EMAIL, guiding you through this special Novena. If you prefer, a hard copy of the prayers will be available in the Gathering Space this weekend. We look forward to praying with you. Questions, please call the parish office at 219-322-4505.



# Peace and Social Justice Commission

## PRAY FOR THE SICK; LIFE IS PRECIOUS

**Rina Testolin, Leo Paratore**, Bob Gabor, **Jo Brown, Dave Brown, Tim & Helen Hazard**, Emelia Williams, Gerry Scheub, **George Ristich, Shirley Centanni** 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 Feast of the Holy Family Mass Cards and Breakfast with St. Nicholas and Baby Jesus

Respect Life Christmas cards are being sold in the GS after all Masses until Dec. 14, which is Coffee and Donuts Sunday and Breakfast with St. Nicholas and Baby Jesus. Cards will be sold for \$2 a piece or 10 for \$15. Buying a card gets the recipient entered into our Book of Intentions. These names will be prayed for at the Mass of the Feast of the Holy Family on Dec. 28 and all throughout the year. Forms will be available to enter the names of those you are sending cards to, and they can be dropped off in the GS during the month of December. Join us to have your child's picture taken with Baby Jesus and St. Nicholas on Dec. 14. You can either take your own picture for a Good Will offering or for \$5 we can take the picture for you, which will include a festive picture frame. Hope to see you there!

**Welcome the Newly Baptized**

Jack Tran Reda



Peace in society depends  
upon peace in the family.

Saint Augustine



## Good Samaritans



Can we help?

The Good Samaritans are offering a limited number of our annual Christmas Dinner Baskets to Parishioners in need of assistance. Please contact our voice mail at 219-322-4505 extension 8250 and leave a message with your name and contact number by December 15. A ministry member will return your call to explain distribution details. We are here to assist our St. Michael Parish Family.

“Help trim our tree, help trim our tree  
How lovely are thy branches.”  
“May the Holy Family bless you in a deep abiding way, with special joy and gladness of that first bright Christmas Day”  
In that spirit, your cards help decorate our trees and your donations will allow our ministry to continue to do the work that is asked of us. We wish you and those you love Christmas peace and God's blessings for good health. The Good Samaritans thank you for your generous hearts.



# RADIATE YOUTH MINISTRY

**GYM NIGHT: Sunday December 7, 6-8 PM**

Join us for a night of volleyball, gaga ball, and more!

**Radiate's Annual Oplatki Fundraiser: Weekends of December 13/14 and 20/21 before and after 11 masses.**

**Caroling at the Dyer Nursing Home: Friday, December 19**

Arrive at 4:30 PM. After, we will celebrate our Radiate CHRISTMAS PARTY in St Patrick Hall from 6-8 PM. Don't miss out on faith-filled fun! To join Radiate or ask questions, contact Mrs. Jeannine Quigley 219-775-5356.



## Parish Life

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Please join us in celebrating Loretta DePrez for being awarded Family of the Month from the Knights of Columbus. Loretta's dedication and hard work behind the scenes as the faithful sacristan at St. Michael Parish truly embodies the spirit of service. Her quiet commitment, attention to detail, and unwavering support help make every liturgy beautiful and meaningful. Thank you, Loretta, for all you do for our parish family. This honor is so well-deserved!

## American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saint Michael the Archangel Parish  
Knights of Columbus Council 12177  
1 E. Wilhelm-Schererville, Indiana 46375

Thursday, December 18, 2025

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Bloodmobile

You must sign up online

<https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html>

The American Red Cross's mission is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. This is accomplished through activities such as providing disaster relief, supplying life-saving blood, training individuals in life-saving skills, and offering emergency assistance to military families.

**DONATE  
BLOOD**





# 150 YEARS

# SEPT 2024

## LAST CHANCE

Would you like a keepsake from our 150th Anniversary? A limited number of panoramic photos are available — perfect for framing or displaying in your home or office. Don't miss this piece of St. Michael Parish history! Email Elizabeth Munoz at [emunoz@stmichaelparish.life](mailto:emunoz@stmichaelparish.life) if you're interested.

## LABORS OF LOVE

The Labor of Love Ministry wishes to thank everyone who donated to our ministry on Giving Tuesday. We appreciate your kindness and generosity. Your support allows us to give, free of charge, handcrafted items to those in need throughout the year. Merry Christmas & God bless you. There will be no general meeting of Labors of Love Ministry on December 16. Please join us for our next meeting on January 6, 2026 at 10 AM in St. Patrick Hall.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Looking for a young adult community with Catholic values? Text or call AnnMarie Hemmerling to join the Young Adult GroupMe! 219-798-3248



## SENIOR GEMS

Please join us for the last meeting of the year on Dec. 9 at 10 AM in the SE room. We will be discussing:

### Christmas Party with Senior Promise

12/10 from 1-3 PM at Teibels

### Frank Sinatra concert

12/14 at 3 PM at Visual Arts in Munster

Come join the fun.

Christmas Party with Labors of Love

12/16 at 11:30 AM at Carabarra



Christmas Flower envelopes should be submitted to the parish office by Dec 8 at 9 AM if you would like your intentions printed in the Christmas Bulletin.

SAFE TRAVELS TO ALL THOSE EMBARKING ON THE JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY & AMALFI DEC 1-12 WITH FR. MARTY AND FR. PETER



Departing from St. Michael Church.



Pilgrims arriving safely at their first hotel in Firenze (Florence).



The intrepid pilgrims, enjoying a well-deserved cocktail before dinner.



Miss Kennedy and Fr. Marty in front of the famous Ponte Vecchio.



# St. Michael Rebuilding Hope Mission Team



St. Michael Rebuilding Hope Mission Team partnered with staff at CYO Camp Lawrence in Valparaiso to install a new crucifix to replace the old one that was full of woodpecker holes. The crucifix overlooks the lake.

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



HANDCRAFTED ITEMS  
CHRISTMAS COOKIES  
SANTA STATION  
FOOD FOR PURCHASE

**DEC 13<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**9AM-2PM CDT**  
**ST TIMOTHY CENTER**  
**6357 CR 300 E.**  
**LA PORTE, IN 46350**





# **Cookie Walk**

**Sat., December 20, 2025**

**10 a.m. – 12 Noon**

**(Doors open at 10 a.m. sharp!)**

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-submitted by Conchita Bryner

### Stewardship is...



"Faithful Giving, Blessings Abound – Thank you for Your Support." To make online giving easier, please scan the QR code to donate.

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.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" Matthew 6:21

**November 30, 2025**

Adult Collection - \$12,310

Children's Collection - \$126.00

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EFT's - \$3,238.99

**Total Weekly Offering**

**\$16,064.99**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Weekly Schedule

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 7

Respect Life Card Sales, After 5:00 PM Mass, GS  
OCIA, 9:30 AM–12:00 PM, SE and SW Rooms  
Vietnamese Confessions, 5:00 PM, Church  
Radiate, 6:00 PM, Gym  
Vietnamese Mass, 6:00 PM, Church  
Vietnamese Reception, After Mass, SPH

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

### MONDAY DECEMBER 8

Centering Prayer, 6:00 PM, SW Room

### TUESDAY DECEMBER 9

Senior Gems, 10:00 AM, SE Room  
Faith Formation, 6:00 PM, SMS and Gym

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10

Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel  
Children's Choir Practice, 3:15 PM, Library  
Faith Formation, 6:00 PM, SMS and Gym

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 11

K of C Rosary, 6:00 PM, Chapel  
K of C Business Meeting, 6:30 PM, St. Amand Room  
Advent Evening Prayer, 7:00 PM, Church  
Music Ministry Practice, 8:00 PM, Church

### FRIDAY DECEMBER 12

Chair Yoga, 8:00 AM, St. Amand Room  
Respect Life Meeting 1:30 PM, SPH  
Bell Choir Practice, 6:00 PM, Church  
Radiate Volleyball Night, 6:30 PM, Gym  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, 7:00 PM, Church

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 13

Confessions, 3:00-4:15 PM, Chapel  
Radiate Oplatki Sales, Before and After Mass, GS

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 14

Radiate Oplatki Sales, Before and After All Masses, GS  
OCIA, 9:30 AM–12:00 PM, SE and SW Rooms  
Faith Formation Sunday Class, 9:30-11:00 AM





# Mass Intentions

## FOR THE WEEK



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 6</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 11</b>
5:00 PM	+ Kyle Arnold	7:00 AM	+ Maria Elia Alvarez + Cesar Dequina + Mary Ann Adam
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 7 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 12 OUR LADY OF</b>
	<b>ADVENT</b>		<b>GUADALUPE</b>
7:30 AM	+ Ed and Sue Stanish + Monica Drzewiecki	7:00 AM	+ Anton and Soraya Haddad
9:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	7:00 PM	Our Lady of Gaudalupe
11:30 AM	For an End to Abortion on Demand and for a Conversion of Heart for Those Who Provide Abortions	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 13</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 8 IMMACULATE</b>	8:00 AM	+ Robert and Leone Zaborske
	<b>CONCEPTION</b>	5:00 PM	+ Tom Kudzia
7:00 AM	+ Mary Lee Thiel	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 14 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF</b>
9:00 AM	+ Jose Guadalupe Flores		<b>ADVENT</b>
7:00 PM	+ Breski Family	7:30 AM	+ Kristin and John Finley + Monica Drzewiecki + Mela Castel
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 9</b>	9:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
7:00 AM	Charlene Soy	11:30 AM	+ Delores Wright
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 10</b>	+ indicates deceased	
7:00 AM	+ Joanne Danowski		

## The Word

(Readings for December 14th, 2025, 3rd Sunday in Advent)

## Reflections...

I. *Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10*

The deserts exult and burst into flower. The hills ring with joyful song. The feeble grow strong; the frightened take courage. The Lord comes to save us.

II. *James 5:7-10*

“Be patient until the coming of the Lord,” said the author of the letter of James. “The Judge is standing before the gates.” Take the prophets as your models in facing hardship. They spoke in the Lord’s name.

III. *Matthew 11:2-11*

John sent his disciples to ask Jesus, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” Jesus answered them affirmatively, pointing to the blind who see, the lame who walk, the lepers who are cured and the poor who hear from him good news of hope.



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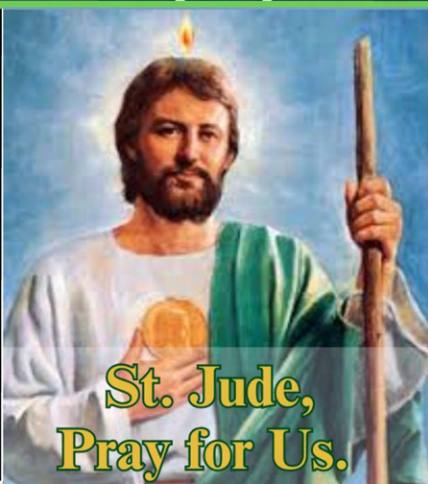
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