

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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Monday prior to the Sunday printing

9:00 AM. Holidays have exceptions.

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bulletin@stmichaelparish.life or in print form to the office or by fax to 322-4508.

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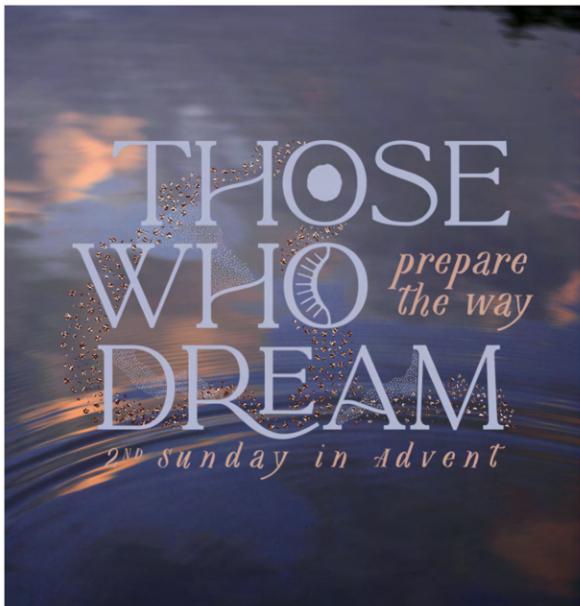
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Dream a Little Dream. Dreams are necessary for both our physical and psychological health. This is also true regarding our spiritual health. If we want to know what life is like without the benefit of dreams, we need not go very far. The poverty experienced 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.

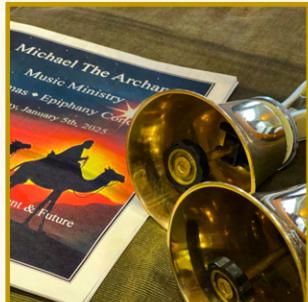


**"Ring out the Lord's Glory,
Praise Him with Your Music."**

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 4th 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!

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day



Danza Azteca
- Chicago



LIVE
Reenactment



Mariachi Juvenil
Zamora - Chicago

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.**



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

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

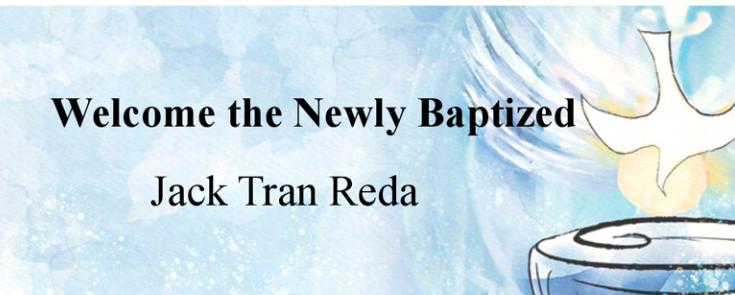
PRAY FOR THE SICK; LIFE IS PRECIOUS

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

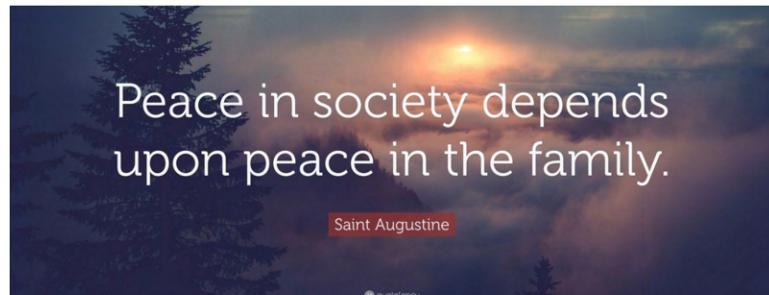
Respect Life Christmas cards are being sold in the GS after all Masses until Dec. 14, which is Coffee and Donuts Sunday and Breakfast with St. Nicholas and Baby Jesus. Cards will be sold for \$2 a piece or 10 for \$15. Buying a card gets the recipient entered into our Book of Intentions. These names 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.



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 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.



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.

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

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.



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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY	DECEMBER 6	THURSDAY	DECEMBER 11
5:00 PM	+ Kyle Arnold	7:00 AM	+ Maria Elia Alvarez + Cesar Dequina + Mary Ann Adam
SUNDAY	<u>DECEMBER 7 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT</u>	FRIDAY	<u>DECEMBER 12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE</u>
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	SATURDAY	<u>DECEMBER 13</u>
MONDAY	<u>DECEMBER 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</u>	8:00 AM	+ Robert and Leone Zaborske
7:00 AM	+ Mary Lee Thiel	5:00 PM	+ Tom Kudzia
9:00 AM	+ Jose Guadalupe Flores	SUNDAY	<u>DECEMBER 14 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT</u>
7:00 PM	+ Breski Family	7:30 AM	+ Kristin and John Finley + Monica Drzewiecki + Mela Castel
TUESDAY	<u>DECEMBER 9</u>	9:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
7:00 AM	Charlene Soy	11:30 AM	+ Delores Wright
WEDNESDAY	<u>DECEMBER 10</u>		+ 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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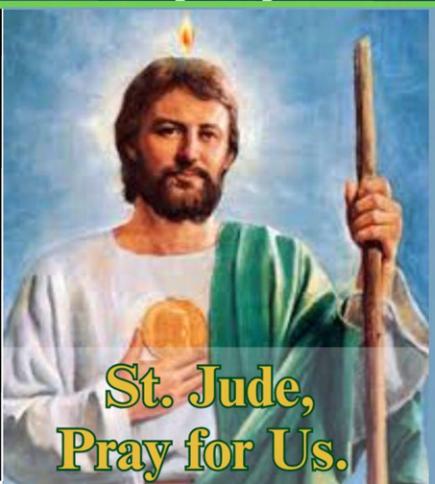
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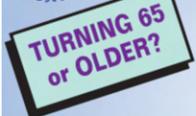


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 and help of Heaven in all my necessities,
 tribulation and sufferings,
 particularly (state request) and that I may praise
 God with you and all the elect forever.
 I promise, O blessed St Jude,
 to be ever mindful of this great favour,
 to always honour you as my special & powerful
 patron & to gratefully encourage devotion to you.
 Amen

Most holy Apostle, St Jude,
 faithful servant and friend of Jesus,
 the Church honors and invokes you
 universally,
 as the patron of hopeless causes,
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