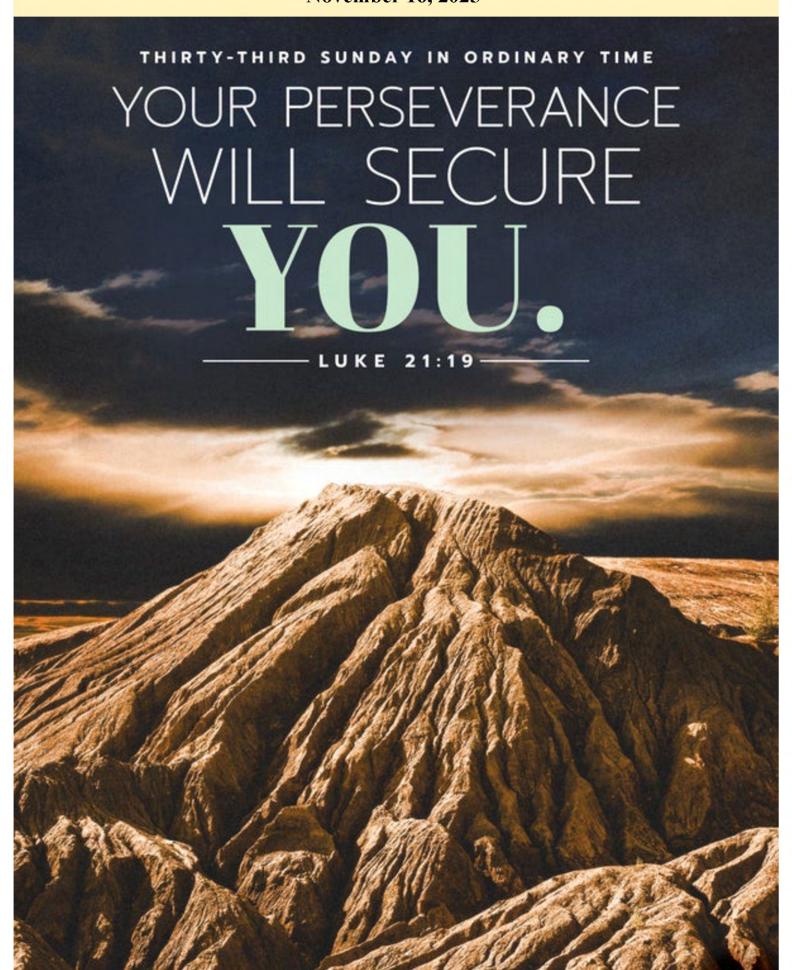
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**SATURDAY LITURGY** 

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

**EUCHARISTIC 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 Holy Exchange of Gifts. The one thing human beings do not possess but long to acquire is the ability to know the future. We are fascinated with "mediums" and tarot cards, with Ouija boards and reading palms. For those more sophisticated, other forms of "scientific" prediction try to satisfy the longing for what is not within our power. In our day, the weather app on your smart device is the enshrinement of our desire to see into the future, at least enough to know what to wear to work or school.

This thirst to know the future is rooted in our survival mechanisms. If I know the future I have some control over it, in particular its effect on me. This is what the crowd in the gospel story wants to know. They want to know when the end will come so they can be ready. This relieves them of being ready each day. It would allow them to be disconnected from God and God's will until the next to the last moment. Jesus tells them much will happen before the end, people will entice us with Nostradamus and other "prophecies", but the end will not be from their mouths. In the gospel, Jesus never does say when, he just says much will happen. Our job is to stay faithful to Him and His commands.



We cannot know the future which is tomorrow let alone the future that is the end of all things. We can only "guess-timate". What we can know is that God has the future already figured out. God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. If God has the future in his hands, my concern and yours needs to rest with the present. How should you and I behave today to be ready for God's future?

We can, however, discern the voice of God and God's will for us. The scriptures are key in this discernment. Unlike trying to control the future by knowing it in an absolute sense, discernment is a self-emptying on our part, a willingness to admit that God holds the cards. Through discernment you and I can plan for tomorrow without falling into the trap of thinking that tomorrow will solve our problems. Discernment of God's will challenge us to see tomorrow not as our vision, the future we want to build, but as God's vision. You and I participate in God's future for us in this way, but it is aligned with God's agenda, not our limited and personal agendas.

This discernment can only be done when we embrace where we are today. Today is the starting point. Today we can be open to God and discern with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to participate in God's tomorrow for us, personally, as a family, as a parish community, as a citizen of this country, and as citizens of the world today.

Today is what is most important to the follower of Jesus. Today is when God will visit you and me — are we ready? Today is when God will call us closer to Him, can we hear His voice? We cannot afford to allow the commercial clamor of promised enchantments deafen us to God's soft but clear voice to seek Him everyday. Today is the future for us. This day, and each "today" we are given, is a gift and an invitation to give back to God all the many treasures he imparts to us. This holy exchange of gifts between the Great Giver and the gifted is what ushers us into God's future.

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### Spirituality and Worship

### **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 Join us every 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:00 AM for Anointing Mass in the Chapel.







Instead of their monthly rosary,
The Knights of Columbus will be
celebrating a Mass for Fallen
Knights on November 20, at
6 PM in the chapel.
All are welcome.

### Peace and Social Justice Commission

# Good Samaritan FOOD DRIVE

"It is not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them is the true meaning of Thanksgiving."

The Good Samaritan's Food Drive will again be at the 9 AM Thanksgiving Mass, November 27. We will be collecting food, as well as monetary donations, to assist families in need. The following items are needed.

Personal Care Items: Shampoo, deodorant, bar soap, toothpaste & toothbrushes

**Food**: Pasta sauce, canned & dried soup, pork & beans, kidney, baked and various types of beans, canned vegetables, chili, Manwich, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, applesauce, canned meats, tuna, various pastas, noodles, instant potatoes, pasta sides, rice sides, instant rice, mac & cheese, stuffing mix, hamburger helper, cereal, oatmeal, saltine crackers, cookies, pancake mix, syrup, Jello, pudding, cake and biscuit mixes.

Cleaning Supplies & Paper Products: Paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, dish soap, all-purpose cleaners, SOS pads, kitchen cleanser and laundry detergent.

**Monetary Donations**: These dollars are used to purchase meat and perishable food items for our freezer and help with rent & utility assistance.

As always, we thank you for your continual support of our ministry and know your kind and generous hearts are greatly appreciated. "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." Saint Mother Teresa

### Can We Help?

The Good Samaritans are offering a limited number of annual Thanksgiving 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 November 17. A ministry member will return your call to explain distribution details. We are always here to assist our St. Michael Parish Family.

### PRAY FOR THE SICK; LIFE IS PRECIOUS

Rose Ilgin, Ken Andersen, Jennifer Engle, Marisa Adams, Pat Matz, Rina Testolin, Leo Paratore, Geraldine Heintz, Bob Gabor, Michelle Lamb, Jo Brown, Dave Brown, Nicole Villanueva, Ruth Marie Sarros, Soledad Salinas, Phyllis Leyba, Timothy Bunchek, Tim & Helen Hazard, Joan Hamnik, Emelia Williams, Gerry Scheub 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.

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Quinn Carol Wieser Benjamin Alexander Yates Luis Roberto Cortez



For Those Who Have Died...

Paul VanSickle

Life has changed, not ended.

### **Education and Formation**-

## RADIATE YOUTH MINISTRY

THANK YOU, Fr. Robert & Sr. Alice, for sharing your vocations stories with us! We enjoyed learning how to discern what God wants for our lives and participating in further discussion within small groups. Finishing the night with games made it a memorable time all-around!

Upcoming dates for Radiate:

Nov. 30: Meet in St Patrick Hall, 6-8 PM Dec. 7: Meet in Gym, 6-8 PM

Dec. 19: Caroling at Nursing Home, 5 PM, Followed by Christmas Party in SPH

Don't miss out on faith-filled fun! To join Radiate or ask questions, contact Mrs. Jeannine Quigley 219-775-5356.



### ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL WARRIOR OF THE WEEK DOMINICK DIMAILIG

My name is Dominick Dimailig. I joined SMS in preschool, and I have been here for 10 years. While I was here, I made tons of new friends and had many memorable experiences. I plan on attending Andrean High School next year, where my sister is also attending. I have participated in soccer, basketball, and volleyball for school sports. I used to play club soccer, and I currently play club volleyball outside

This school is unique compared to other schools because of the teachers and students. Most students in SMS are very welcoming to new people who are nervous because they don't know anyone. Because the school is so small, you get to know almost every student and teacher.

Another reason this school is special is that the teachers are very caring. If you don't understand

of school. Some activities I used to do were chess club, choir, and guitar.

something, they will encourage you to visit them during advisory for help. They try to help you succeed instead of letting you figure out what you're doing by yourself.

My advice to younger students is to always ask for help from teachers. Your teachers are always there for you if you don't understand a question on your homework or if you don't understand a lesson and need extra help. SMS has helped me grow so much over the years. They taught me about my God and Jesus. They taught me how to do addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. But the thing that helped me grow the most, is how to treat friends and family.

# THANK YOU, VETERANS!





ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM













Parish Life

### Coffee and Donuts after all Sunday Masses in St. Patrick Hall







New Member Registration this Sunday after
7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses in
St. Patrick Hall.

# LABORS OF LOVE

Join the Labors of Love Ministry for their annual Craft
Boutique this Sunday during coffee & donuts. Find the perfect
handcrafted Christmas gifts: blankets, hats, scarfs, kitchen
towels, holiday cards, bibs or walker caddies. We make them
all - it's a Labor of Love! Donations will support the Ministry
in purchasing yarn & fabric for future projects.



Blood Pressure, Glucose, and Oxygen Screenings available this weekend after 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM, and 9:30 AM Masses in the cloak room.



Hand Carved Religious Figures for Sale After All Masses in Saint Patrick Hall the weekend of Nov. 22 and 23.

"A beautiful collection of hand carved olive wood religious articles from the Holy Land are for sale in Saint Patrick Hall. They are very beautiful, and they make excellent gifts for first communion, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Christmas, and school raffle donations. The profits support the Catholic Families who carved these articles in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Supporting Catholics in the Holy Land is very important at this difficult time because they are protecting the Holy Churches for all of us. I encourage you to stop by and support our suffering Catholic families in the Holy Land." - Imad Qumsieh



Advent Wreath Pre-Order Pick Up Dates

November 22 & 23

after all Masses.

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### **SENIOR GEMS**

Please join us on our next outing Nov. 25. We will meet at the Antique Mall in Highland at 10 AM. Then we are going to the Welcome Center in Highland to see the Christmas trees followed by lunch.

Hope to see you there.



Labors of Love Ministry crochets, knits, and handcrafts items that will be donated to charitable organizations and those in need. Join us for fun, fellowship, and the good feeling you get when you give and help others. Next Meeting, Nov 18 at 10 AM in SE Room.

### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Looking for a young adult community with Catholic values? Young adults ages 18 to 35 strive to build friendships, encourage each other to live our faith, and support each other in prayer. Text or call AnnMarie Hemmerling for more info and to join our GroupMe! 219-798-3248

### Join us for Chair Yoga!

November 21 at 8:00 AM, St. Amand Room. Please call Ursula at 219-741-3276 to register.



### Catholic Charities 5th Annual Sip, Savor, Support Food & Wine Pairing

Friday, November 21, 2025 — Registration at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m. — Goretti Hall, 500 Northgate Drive, Dyer, IN 46410 — Featuring cuisine by Gamba Ristorante, Sommelier Patrick Cullars, Photo Booth, and Silent Auction — To register, please visit www.2025Savor.givesmart.com

# Feep children warm this winter! Caps for Kids

Now through January, the Diocese of Gary's communication team is helping the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, District Council of Gary, collect new or handmade hats, scarves and gloves for its Caps for Kids campaign.

Items can be dropped off at the Diocese of Gary 9292 Broadway | Merrillville, IN 46410

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Make checks payable to "Caps for Kids" and send to St. Vincent de Paul, 2714 169th St., Hammond, IN 46323



# Pause & Prepare

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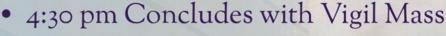
# Advent Retreat

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## Saturday, December 13, 2025

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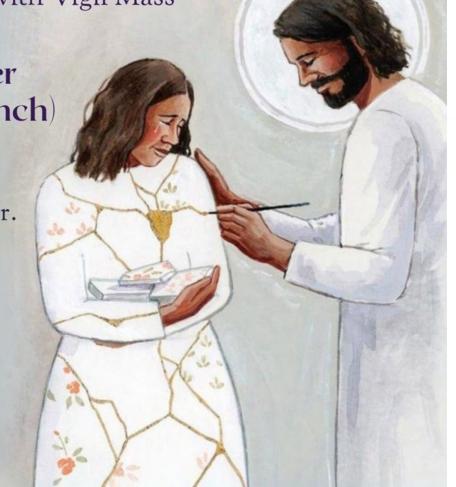
• 10:00 am Registration Begins



Cost is \$50.00 per person (includes lunch)

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# **S**†ewardship in Action

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-submitted by Conchita Bryner





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# STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE For where your treasure is, the your treasure is, the your beart will be also Matthew 6.21

### **November 9, 2025**

Adult Collection - \$13,684.00 Children's Collection - \$112.00 Loose Collection - \$554.00 EFT's - \$7,136.74

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# Stewardship Weekly Schedule

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

### **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16**

Coffee and Donuts, After All Masses, SPH New Member Registration, After 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses, SPH

Blood Pressure Screenings, After 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses, Cloak Room

OCIA, 9:30 AM–12:00 PM, SE and SW Rooms Lector Meeting, 1:00 PM, Church and SE Room

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

### **MONDAY NOVEMBER 17**

Centering Prayer, 6:00 PM, SW Room Marriage Ministry, 7:00 PM, SE Room

### **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18**

Labors of Love, 10:00 AM, SE Room Faith Formation 6:00 PM, SMS and Gym

### WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19

Mom's Support Group, 10:00 AM, SPH Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel Children's Choir Practice, 3:15-4:15 PM, Library Faith Formation 6:00 PM, SMS and Gym

### **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20**

Comforting Chefs, 9:00 AM, SE Room Adult Education Meeting, 11:00 AM, SW Room K of C Mass for Fallen Knights, 6:00 PM, Chapel K of C Meeting, 6:30 PM, St. Amand Room Music Ministry Practice, 7:00 PM, Church Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 7:00 PM, SPH Unbound Training, 7:30 PM, SE Room

### **FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21**

Chair Yoga, 8:00 AM, St. Amand Room Respect Life Meeting, 1:30 PM, SPH Bell Choir Practice, 6:00 PM, Church

### **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22**

Finance Council, 9:00 AM, SE Room Confessions, 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel Blood Pressure Screenings, After 5 PM Mass, Cloak Room

Olive Wood Sales, After 5:00 PM Mass, SPH Respect Life Card Sales, After 5:00 PM Mass, GS

### **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23**

K of C Pancake Breakfast, After All Masses, SPH Olive Wood Sales, After All Masses, SPH Respect Life Card Sales, After All Masses, GS OCIA, 9:30 AM–12:00 PM, SE and SW Rooms







SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 15	THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 20
5:00 PM	<b>→</b> Joseph Heintz	7:00 AM	<b>★</b> Mary Marsh
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7:00 AM	+ Cali Blakeley		
		9:30 AM	♣ Henry Lyza
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 18	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	♣ Rita Madson-Jones
7:00 AM	♣ Gerald and John Verdeyen		<b>→</b> Joanne Janowski
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8:55 AM	<b>+</b> Janet Ivkovich	T indicates deceased	

### The Word

### (Readings for November 23, 2025, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)

1. 2 Samuel 5:1-3 Because David was so loved as a leader, the elders of all the tribes anointed him king of Israel at Hebron. King David shepherded the people from then on.

II. Colossians 1:12-20 God's Son brought the people into the reign of forgiveness and

love. He heads the body, the church and has primacy in all things, making peace

through the blood of His cross.

II. Colossians 1:12-2 III. Luke 23:35-43 The soldiers made fun of Jesus on the cross, offered Him bitter wine, told Him to

save Himself if He was the Christ. An inscription over His head read, "This is the

King of the Jews."

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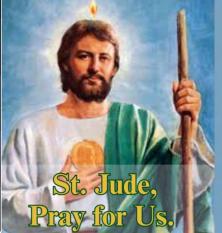
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