

Welcome to St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Community

Feast Day of St. Michael the Archangel

September 28, 2025



Today we rejoice in the strength and protection of our patron, St. Michael, whose courage reminds us to stand firm in faith and live boldly in God's love.

*All Masses
will be celebrating the Feast Day!*

Sunday Agenda
12:45 - 4:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
4:00 PM Evening Prayer with Benediction
4:30 PM Sunday Dinner for all present
See details on page 4.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle—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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday prior to the Sunday printing

12:00 PM (Noon). Holidays have

exceptions. Please submit potential

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bulletin@stmichaelparish.life or in

print form to the office or by fax to

322-4508.

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If you are interested in participating in any of these ministries, please visit the website for Ministry Coordinator information.

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Altar Servers

Art & Environment

Cross Bearers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Hospitality

Lectors

Liturgy Committee

Music Ministry

Centering Prayer Ministry

OCIA

Sacristan

Ministers of Care

Education & Formation Commission

Adult Catholic Education

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Catholic Bible Study

Faith Formation

Marriage Ministry

Marriage Preparation

Radiate

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St. Michael the Archangel, Pray for Us! In the coming week or so you should receive our Parish Guidebook. This resource not only provides us contact information for fellow parishioners but also contains stories of the wonderful and varied works carried out by so many parishioners to bring God's love and compassion to those in our community. In addition, you will find our Parish Financial Statement. The stewardship of the treasure, shared with the parish, is reflected in the many ministries done for the building up of God's Kingdom.

Today, we celebrate God's blessings especially given through our patron saint, St. Michael the Archangel. Last year we celebrated 150 years of generosity and service by parishioners and benefactors. We had a grand time last year. This year I invite us all to reflect upon those events to see more keenly where Jesus is taking us in the years ahead. This is not always an easy task.

In our current culture the idea of a feast day is often tied up with a great deal of exterior activity, like last year's big Feast or Christmas, New Year's, Fourth of July, Memorial Day, All Saints Day and in particular its "hallowed eve" we call Halloween. All these days and many like them, the lesser feasts like individual birthdays, imply first and foremost activity.

When exterior activity is the main emphasis of the feast day we can easily tire of feasts. A balanced celebration of the feasts that the year brings around to us is needed for us to really appreciate our human need for feasting on certain days. The balance is found in the call for some reflection on our part. Advent precedes Christmas and Lent precedes Easter in order to provide a balance. All Souls Day follows from the feast of All Saints and Memorial Day begins with remembrances of those who have died for our freedom. So, either before or after you and I need time to reflect on the meaning of the feast we celebrate.

During our parish Feast Day celebration, you are invited to feast and to reflect. This is a day of thanksgiving for the many blessings God has given to our parish. The Ministry Faire is a cornucopia of the Holy Spirit's work among us; a celebration of our greatest gift, Baptism. The afternoon of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament (12:45-4:00), is a time of reflection upon God's enduring Presence with us in the Holy Eucharist and how this Presence guides our daily lives, our families and our parish family. Our prayer together today reminds us through sights, smells, tasting and hearing of how special today is for us. Our eating together at God's table is reflected in our dining together in His presence at the Feast Day dinner on Sunday evening at 4:45 PM after Evening Prayer at 4 PM and Benediction.

Take time out on this, the Feast Day of our mighty patron, St. Michael the Archangel, to pray, reflect and celebrate. This helps us to celebrate God's grace given to us in the past, in the present and encourages us to trust that His grace will continue well into the future.

This Sunday, we heard from some of our parishioners about the good things happening here at St. Michael's. We also heard on how we need to embrace the economic realities of our "ora et labora", our prayer and work. Both are for the glory of God. Our monetary generosity is very much the thing that fuels our good work and prayer. It is not out of place for us to remind ourselves that our weekly offering needs to keep pace with the expenses we, as a parish, incur. As always, I know many of you will do your best. Thank you!

ST. MICHAEL PARISH FEAST DAY

This Sunday, September 28, we joyfully celebrate the feast of St. Michael the Archangel with a day full of prayer, fellowship, and community.

Mass followed by donuts and conversation (visit the Ministry Fair)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the afternoon

Benediction and Evening Prayer at 4:00 PM

Traditional Feast Day Dinner to close our celebration

A light dinner will be provided, and we warmly encourage everyone to bring a favorite dessert to share—a sweet way to end a beautiful day together.

Join us as we honor our patron, rejoice in community, and sweeten the moment with faith and fellowship

Eucharistic Adoration Times

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM

Last Names Starting V-Z

Cross Bearers

Extraordinary Ministers of
Communion

Hospitality Ministers

Music Ministry

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Last Names Starting M-O

Faith Formation Catechists
& Assistants

OCIA Team Members

Respect Life Ministers

Adult Education Ministry

School Administrators

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Last Names Starting D-F

Art & Environment Ministers

Comforting Chefs

Money Counting Ministry

Parish Nurses

AV Ministry

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Last Names Starting S-U

Finance Council Members

Gardener Ministry

Good Samaritans

Knights of Columbus

Catholic Bible Study

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Last Names Starting J-L

Lectors

Sacristans

Centering Prayer Ministry

Cemetery Committee

Liturgy Committee

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Last Names Starting A-C

Altar Servers

RADIATE Youth Ministry

Scouts

Labors of Love Ministers

Baptism/Marriage Prep

Ministries

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Last Names Starting P-R

Ministers of Care

Ministry of Consolation &
Hope

Senior GEMS

Welcoming Ministry

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Last Names Starting G-I

Festival Committee

Pastoral Council Members

Rebuilding Hope Mission Team

Wheelchair Ramp Ministry



This weekend is are Ministry Fair! We have all 32 ministries represented in St. Patrick Hall after each Mass, along with our Donut Sunday. We hope everyone will take time to check out our wonderful ministries and consider signing up for one or a few of them. Each of us has unique talents that we can use to serve others! We will once again hold a drawing from all ministry card signups after the 11:30 AM Mass for a \$100 cash prize!

(winner need not be present).



Ministry Outreach

Meet Rob!



Rob Olsen
Hospitality Ministry

Rob has been a parishioner at St. Michael since 1993. After going through the RCIA process for two years, he entered the Catholic Church in 2007.

In 2022, during the challenges of COVID, Rob was asked to step into the role of Hospitality Coordinator, a ministry he continues to lead today. The Hospitality team includes 47 dedicated members who warmly welcome parishioners by handing out worship aids, bulletins, and worship cards. Some members also assist at funerals and baptisms, ensuring families feel supported during these important moments.

As the coordinator, Rob is often approached with questions about the parish—whether it's Mass times, confession schedules, or general guidance. Through this role, he has made many lasting friendships and grown deeply in faith.

Rob says, "Each weekend, it is Jesus who leads the way. Serving in this ministry is both a joy and a blessing. Hospitality is not just about greeting—it's about helping others feel at home in the Church."



LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

Phil Przyblinski, Noah Buchler, Bob Gabor, Soledad S, **Geraldine Heintz**, **Karla Lesko**, Phyllis Leyba, **Angela Koutsis**, **Sherry Lazzaro**, Gerry Scheub, **Leo Paratore**, **Jo & Dave Brown**, **Alice Kolbus**, **Bob Kuhn**, Sandra Walker 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

McKenna Maeve Nolan
Jonah Thomas Karvasale
Aubrey Anastasia Karvasale
Caleb Alan Karvasale
Kyler Scott Wolfe



Eucharistic Adoration

The best kind of friend is one you can simply be with in silence, enjoying the moment together. That's the kind of quiet, deep connection you share with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration.

Come and Spend Time with the Lord—

Wednesdays,

1:00 - 4:00 PM in the Chapel



Pastoral Planning St Michael Church Parishioners

Join together on October 8th at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall for information regarding “Our Pastoral Planning”

Pastoral planning is a prayerful strategic process by which our parish or group of parishes take inventory of the current human and financial resources of the community and realign them to meet the current sacramental and pastoral needs. For more information please call the office at 219-322-4505

Marion Devotions

Sunday, October 4th at 6:30 PM Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

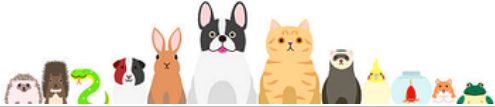
Blessed Mother Mary, thank you for your love and intercession.



Join us for a Living Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction on October 6 at 7:00 PM in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day and Respect Life Month. We need 60 volunteers to serve as “Living Beads”. Volunteers will stand with a candle lit, no solo prayers required. Please arrive by 6:30 PM if you wish to participate. All are welcome!



Join us at the St. Francis Shrine (west side of Parish Office) for a pet blessing on October 4th at 9:00 AM! All pets welcome!



Cursillo Retreat – which means “short course in Christianity” in Spanish with daily prayer, Mass, Spiritual Direction, and group discussions. Open to Catholics 18+.



Men’s Weekend: Oct 23–26

Location: Camp Lawrence, Valparaiso

Contact: Carol Slager,
219-765-8600

Already attended? Join Ultreya
Every 2nd Tuesday at Holy Spirit Parish.



RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY - ROSE SALE

Respect Life Sunday is October 5 and in honor of the day, the Respect Life Ministry will be selling roses after all Masses the weekend of October 4 and October 5. Please make a donation or the roses are \$1 each or a dozen for \$10. Proceeds help to support Lake County Right to Life and the Women's Care Center.

Education and Formation



St. Michael School is hosting a Trunk or Treat event on October 18 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the school parking lot. This free event is open to the public and features candy, costumes, music, contests, and family-friendly fun. Interested in decorating a trunk? Sign up using the QR code on the flyer. Please note that costumes and decorated trunks must reflect Christian values—no weapons, satanic, or overly graphic costumes/themes. Come enjoy a festive and safe celebration for all ages!



Collect your receipts from Strack & Van Til and submit them to St. Michael School. Ask your family and friends to save their receipts as well so that your school can maximize the points that they earn. Every dollar spent earns a point towards earning educational equipment. Receipts need to be dated from September 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026. Receipts are due by April 8, 2026. Please drop your receipts off at the school, parish office, or the collection towers.



St. Michael the Parish Tasting Event
Sunday, November 9, 2025
3-6 pm, St. Patrick Hall

- Order Wine & Bourbon
- Exclusive Auction Items
- Delicious Food

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Cuisine generously provided by: Gamba **\$80 per ticket**

THEOLOGY UNCORKED

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

6:15 - 8:30 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Father Martin Dobrzynski presenting

“Examining Priestly Vestments”

starting at 7:00 PM

Registration after all Masses Sept. 21st, 28th - Oct. 5th & 12th, or call 219-322-4505, ext. 8241 to register.

Wine, Water and Pop will be available.

Please bring own snacks as desired.

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Join us for Chair Yoga!

October 3 at 8:00 AM

St. Patrick Hall. Please call

Ursula at 219-741-3276

to register.



All High School Teens are invited to be a part of Radiate! Experience Jesus!

Upcoming Calendar:

October 5: Meet in St Patrick Hall (6-8pm)

October 19: HAYRIDE & BONFIRE NIGHT! (6-8pm) (Meet at Oak Ridge Prairie: 301 S Colfax St, Griffith, IN)

Questions about Radiate? Please feel free to contact Mrs. Jeannine Quigley 219-775-5356 or Mrs. Marisa Richardson 219-730-4735



Looking for a young adult community? 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



Please join the Senior Gems on October 14th at 10 AM in the SE meeting room for our next meet to plan for our fall activities. Come join the fun.



Event hosted by:

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OCTOBER 18

11AM-1PM

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- Witness Wednesdays
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- And more!



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PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Bishop Robert J. McClory
Friday

St. Matthias



St. Matthias Parish in Crown Point, Indiana, is hiring a part-time Coordinator of Religious Education. Position could develop into a full-time position for the right candidate. Interested candidates can send a letter of interest and/or resume to St. Matthias Church, Attn: Jackie Gentry, 101 W Burrell Drive Crown Point, Indiana 46307 or email jackiemgentry@yahoo.com.

Our parish celebrated Catechetical Sunday on September 20 & 21. We are truly blessed to have many catechists and teachers share their faith through teaching religious education to the children of St. Michael Parish. May God bless them all as we move forward in our classes this year!



Faith Formation classes began with a special prayer from our Pastor Fr. Marty. The children had smiles from ear-to-ear as they went to classrooms to begin learning about the love of our God!



Weekly Schedule

Stewardship in Action

Do an act of charity for someone whose pain you may be dismissing.

-submitted by Conchita Bryner



"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.



September 21st, 2025

Adult Collection \$10,799.00

Children's Collection \$169.25

Loose Collection \$501.00

EFT's \$8420.24

Total Weekly Offering

\$19889.49

Thank you for your generosity!

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28

St. Michael Feast Day and Ministry Fair After All Masses

Cub Scouts Selling Pop Corn, After All Masses, GS OCIA, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM, SE and SW Rooms

Coffee and Donuts After All Masses

Adoration, 12:30-4:00 PM, Chapel

Evening Prayer, 4:00 PM, Church

Feast Day Dinner After Evening Prayer, SPH

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

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 29

Centering Prayer 6:00-7:00 PM, SW Room

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 30

Faith Formation, 6:00-7:30 PM, SMS

Catholic Bible Study 7:00-8:30 PM, SPH

Young Adult Group, 6:30-8:30 PM, SW Room

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1

Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel

Faith Formation, 6:00-7:30 PM, Gym

Children's Choir Practice, 5:00-5:55 PM, Library

Basics of Liturgy Webinar, 6:30, St. Amand Room

Unbound Training, 7:30 PM, SE Meeting Room

THURSDAY OCTOBER 2

School Mass, 8:55-9:45 AM, Church

Marriage Tune Up, 6:00-7:30 PM, SPH

Music Ministry Practice, 7:00 PM, Church

Bereavement Sessions, 7:00-8:30 PM, SW Room

FRIDAY OCTOBER 3

Chair Yoga 8:00-9:00 AM, St. Amand Room

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4

Pet Blessing, 9:00 AM, St. Francis Shrine

Confessions, 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel

Wine Event Ticket Sales, 4:30-6:00 PM, GS

Respect Life Rose Sale, 4:30-6:00 PM, GS

Howl at the Moon Music Event, 5:30 PM, Gym

SUNDAY OCTOBER 5

Wine Event Ticket Sales, 7:30 AM-12:30 PM, GS

Respect Life Rose Sale, 7:30 AM-1:00 PM, GS

OCIA, 9:30 AM- 12:00 PM, SE and SW Rooms

Vietnamese Confessions, 5:00-5:45 PM, Church

Vietnamese Mass, 6:00 PM, Church

Radiate, 6:00-8:00 PM, St. Amand Room

Marian Devotions, 6:30 PM, Cemetery

Vietnamese Reception After Mass, SPH



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 27	THURSDAY	OCTOBER 2
5:00 PM	+ Maria Elia Velerez	7:00 AM	+ Norma Dobrzynski + John Gallas 2 year annaversary
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 28 26TH SUNDAY	8:55 AM	Name Day of Mother General St. Grace Therese
	IN ORDINARY TIME		
7:30 AM	+ Kristin Finley	FRIDAY	OCTOBER 3
9:30 AM	+ Victoria Kletkot + Monica Drzewiecki + Jeanette Lucente	7:00 AM	+ Joseph Zaborske
11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	SATURDAY	OCTOBER 4
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 29	8:00 AM	+ Kay Parker
7:00 AM	+ Philip Bruno	5:00 PM	+ Kyle Arnold
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 30	SUNDAY	OCTOBER 5 27TH SUNDAY IN
7:00 AM	+ Janet Ivkovich	7:30 AM	ORDINARY TIME St. Michael Parish
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 1	9:30 AM	+ Arthur Janowski
7:00 AM	+ Henry Lyza	11:30 AM	For an End to Abortion on Demand and for the a Conversion of Heart For those Who Provide Abortions + Sharon and Dave Kras

The Word

(Readings for October 5, 2025, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)

reflections

I. Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The prophet learned that his hopes would be fulfilled, even though it may take longer than he expected. He is told to wait in confidence, for just people will live.

II. 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Paul reminded Timothy that God bestows a spirit that makes the people strong, loving and wise. That Holy Spirit dwells in Christians.




III. Luke 17:5-10

Jesus taught the apostles that faith gives power: a person with faith the size of a mustard seed can uproot a mulberry tree and transplant it in the sea.

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