

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
AUGUST 30, 2026

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TAKE UP
HIS CROSS.

— MATTHEW 16:24 —



SATURDAY LITURGY

Vigil: 5:00 PM

SUNDAY LITURGY

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

Livestream 5:00 PM and 9:30 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 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 9:00 AM. Holidays have exceptions. Please submit potential bulletin articles by email to bulletin@stmichaelparish.life or in print form to the office or by fax to 219-322-4508.

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Road to Happiness. No one wants to be the bearer of bad news. This is especially true of Hollywood blockbusters. Our cinematic storytelling for the popular audience is often skewed in a direction that is not truly honest. There are those movies that are serious, but they rarely make the money that Marvel and DC realize. This love of a happy ending is not just a modern phenomenon. It is part of our DNA. Peter himself certainly had this in mind when he challenges Jesus' prediction of His suffering and death. Peter's concern is motivated by human standards. For Peter and his fellow disciples there can be no talk of failure that would be disheartening.

Jesus tells Peter not to be fooled by this world's veneer of happy endings. To see a happy outcome as a right in this life or to feel it must be so or all is lost is to fall into the camp of the great tempter, Satan. Satan wants us to think that happiness here is the most important thing. When my happiness is the determining factor, it inevitably deprives someone else of their happiness. Satan is not stupid, because if we are fat and happy, we really don't care about those who are not; too bad for them!

Jesus shows us by His suffering and death that our need for ceaseless happy endings in this life really takes us away from the eternal happiness of the life for which we are destined. Indeed, the many things that this world counts for loss are really gain. The road to everlasting happiness is through trust and trust is not brought to perfection in us unless it is exercised, particularly in the most desperate times.

Jesus's desperate hour, His passion and death, at first seem tragic but this necessary sacrifice was to gain the best ending, life eternal. This is the reality into which we are baptized. We must follow the same pattern in our lives. The Tempter wants us to think the opposite and so avoid, or at least devalue, the blessings of sacrifice. The tragic happenings that come into everyone's life and the sadness that every human being experiences are what make us long for, and prepare for, the mountain on which there will be no more tears or weeping, sadness or separation, no more death forever.

This is the reason Jesus is so forceful in His response to Peter; "Get behind me Satan!" We too need to be just as forceful. For if Peter's unknowing temptation to Jesus could have jeopardized the salvation of all humanity, how much more can this type of temptation deprive us of the salvation Jesus has already gained for us.

The Feast of St. Michael, Our Patron. The actual day of St. Michael's feast is September 29. However, by marking the day as very special we have the privilege of moving the feast to **Sunday, September 27**. In addition to doughnuts after Mass, we will have a celebration of the many ministries and faith-filled activities we enjoy here in our parish. Most importantly we will have an afternoon of Eucharistic Adoration in thanksgiving for all the blessings given to us individually, our families and our parish. The Adoration will conclude with prayer and Benediction, followed by a Sunday dinner for all who attend in St. Patrick Hall. Below is a suggested schedule for adoration so you can plan accordingly.

- 12:30 PM-1:00 PM: Last Names ending in V-Z and
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Deer Creek/Story Point Ministers, Cross Bearers
- 1:00 PM -1:30 PM: Last Names ending in S-U and
Finance Council, Gardener Ministry, Good Samaritans, Knights of Columbus
- 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM: Last Names ending in P-R and
Ministers of Care, Ministry of Consolation & Hope, Senior GEMS, Hospitality Ministry
- 2:00 PM -2:30 PM: Last Names ending in M-O and
Faith Formation & OCIA Catechists/Assistants, Teachers, Faith Sharing Groups, Respect Life
- 2:30 PM -3:00 PM: Last Names ending in J-L and
HSA, Parish/School Advisory Board, Sports Advisory Board, Lectors, Sacristans
- 3:00 PM -3:30 PM: Last Names ending in G-I and
Festival Committee, Pastoral Council, Labors of Love, Rebuilding Hope/Ramp Ministry Team
- 3:30 PM -4:00 PM: Last Names ending in D-F and
Art & Entertainment Ministers, Comforting Chefs, Money Counting Ministry, Parish Nurses
- 4:00 PM -4:30 PM: Last Names ending in A-C and
Altar Servers, RADIATE, Music Ministry, Scouts, Young Adult Ministry, AV Ministry, Young Moms

Eucharistic Adoration

"Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity!" - Mother Teresa
Wednesdays, 1 - 4 PM in the Chapel.



St. Michael Ministries

Have you considered joining a ministry at St. Michael Parish? There are over 32 ministries where you can use your time, talent, and treasure in the Name of Jesus.



Ministry Profile

Meet Patti!



Patti Mendoza

Extraordinary
Minister of Holy
Communion

For 44 years, Patti Mendoza and her husband, David, have been members of St. Michael Parish. They have two daughters, two sons-in-law, and five grandchildren. Patti was part of the first Lay Ministry Formation Program for the Diocese of Gary and served as Pastoral Associate at St. Michael Parish from 1995 until her retirement in 2015.

Her desire to serve her parish family drew Patti to the ministry of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. She describes the experience as deeply humbling. As she looks into the eyes of those receiving the Body of Christ and hears them say "Amen," she sees Jesus looking back at her.

Accepting the call was not easy. Patti struggled with feeling unworthy to stand at the altar and share the Body of Christ with others. Through prayer, she came to understand that God was asking her to set aside her fears and become His hands reaching out to her parish family.

This ministry continues to challenge Patti to live each day in a way that draws her, and hopefully others, closer to God.

Her encouragement to others is direct: accept God's call to serve your parish family in a way that can change your life. "If not us, who? If not now, when?"

Marian Devotions

The next Marian Devotion is Sunday, September 6 at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine.

Join us for a night of prayer that will leave you feeling calm, refreshed and ready for a peaceful night's sleep. Blessed Mary Mother of God, thank you for your intercession!



Bell Choir Sign Ups

Bell choir practices are starting Friday evenings beginning September 11 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the church.

Anyone 4th grade and up are welcome to join. Music knowledge is a plus, but not required. The Bell Choir embellishes the Music Ministry at the Christmas Concert, Easter, and many weekend masses, as well as playing solos of their own. Questions about joining can be directed to Kathleen at 219-613-4870.



DIOCESE OF GARY CURSILLO

The women's Cursillo Retreat will take place in less than two weeks.

The Cursillo experience is a powerful three-day journey that helps illuminate your path and deepens your faith, offering a lifelong walk with Jesus through community, prayer and purpose.

Women's Weekend: September 10-13, 2026, at Camp Lawrence in Valparaiso. Contact Carol Slager, 219-765-8600, for more information. Or go to <https://www.cursillogary.com/>.



Catholic Bible Study: The Gospel of Mark

Have you always wanted to learn about the Sacred Scriptures, but you didn't know where to start? Join Catholic Bible Study! This year we will be studying the Gospel of Mark.

Registration: AFTER the 5:00 PM, 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses and BEFORE 11:30 AM Mass the weekends of September 5 & 6 and September 12 & 13. Sign up for one or both sessions!

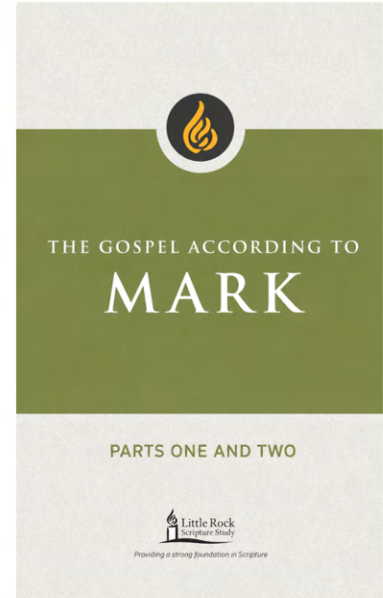
Dates: September 28 – November 9, 2026 for Part 1
February 8 – March 8, 2027 for Part 2

Time: Monday nights 7:00 - 8:15 PM

Place: St. Patrick Hall

Cost: \$20 per session if we order books for you -OR- you can order your own book through Amazon or Little Rock Scripture. (www.littlerockscripture.org).

For more information call Linda Hansen 219-682-7072 or Deacon Ron Pyle 219-742-8263.



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat - September 25-27

Healing the pain of abortion, one weekend at a time.

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing.

For confidential registration, call or email:

219-552-2944 or nwinrv@outlook.com

For more information, go to www.helpafterabortion.net

St. Michael Music Ministry

Music Ministry Adult Choir Starting Regular Rehearsals

Want to make a difference with your musical gifts? There is no better place to share your talents than in church. No previous musical experience is required to join the choir, only a willingness to train your voice and grow together in learning the songs we sing at St. Michael. Music Ministry is also seeking skilled instrumentalists, including drummers, bass players, trumpet players, and others. Rehearsals are at 7:00 PM in the church. Enter through the east Chapel door. If you have questions or are interested in joining, please contact: Danette Lashbrook (219) 322-4505 ext. 8227 or Joe Udani (219) 322-4505 ext. 8239

PRAY FOR THE SICK; LIFE IS PRECIOUS

Shannon Gallas, *Mary Jo Rymarczyk*, Shirley Lopatkiewicz, *Karla Lesko*, *Allen Girus*, Rhonda Kelly, Lynn Fesenmyer, *Audrey Weber*, *Carol Good*, *Katherine Cullinane*, *Geraldine Heintz*, *Rina Testolin*, *Timothy Bunchek*, *Tom Swanson*, *Leo Paratore*, Donna Saber, *Ken Anderson*, Ruth Sarros, "Mick" Adamson, *Marlene Townsend*, Charlie Bandera, Joan Hamnik, *George Ristich*, *Helen Kwaitkowski*, Krista Bane, Gerry Scheub, *Tom Matz*, *Andy Manahan*, Jennifer Engel, 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 the Pray for the Sick List. St. Michael parishioners are in bold, italic print.

Education and Formation

St. Michael School Starts School Year Off Strong

On Monday, August 24, St. Michael School students, staff and faculty started the school year after multiple delays due to power outages.

LOOKING AHEAD AT THE SCHOOL YEAR...

- Monday, September 7 - Labor Day, no school
- Tuesday, September 15 - Picture Day
- Monday, September 21- Q1 Progress Reports Due
- Saturday, September 26 - Howl at the Moon (Fall Fundraiser)
- Friday, October 2 - Western Night (1st & 2nd grade)
- Thursday, October 8 - Confirmation Parent meeting 7 PM in St. Patrick Hall
- Friday, October 9 - Special Persons Day, early dismissal at 11:00 AM



Mission Statement: St. Michael School is a community of students and teachers that are committed to living their Catholic faith rooted in the worship of God by serving and respecting others while striving for academic excellence, resulting in Christ like leaders within and beyond our community.

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Raffle Winners Payments	\$111,800.00
Net Raffle Results	\$176,301.16
% Return on Ticket Sales	57.0%
Donations - Down Syndrome Association NWI & Planting Possibilities	\$17,630.12
Net Raffle Results	\$158,671.04
Fun Fest Income	\$30,241.10
Fun Fest Expense	\$25,562.64
Net Fun Fest Results	\$4,678.46
NET EVENT	\$163,349.50



SENIOR GEMS

Our next meeting is September 8 at 10:00 AM in the SE meeting room. Our fun upcoming activities will be discussed.



CHAIR YOGA

Chair Yoga will meet on September 4 at 8:00 AM in the St. Amand Room. Please call Ursula at 219-741-3276 to register.



LABORS OF LOVE

Our next gathering will be on September 1 from 10:00 AM -12:00 PM in SPH.



CENTERING PRAYER

Centering Prayer will meet on August 31 at 6:00 PM in the SW Room.

Disaster Relief Fund

After recent storms, the Disaster Relief Fund, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Gary is providing assistance to residents as they recover. 100% of gifts to the Disaster Relief Fund go directly to local residents. Visit the website catholic-charities.org or scan the QR code to give.



FINDING

Hope & Healing

A CONFIDENTIAL POST-ABORTION
BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

He heals the
brokenhearted
and binds up
their wounds.

— Psalm 147:3 —

Have you experienced an abortion and found that feelings of grief, regret, shame, anger, sadness, or loss still linger?

You are not alone.

No matter how much time has passed, healing is possible. Join us for a compassionate, Christ-centered Bible study designed to help women find hope, forgiveness, peace, and restoration through God's love.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

-  A safe and confidential environment
-  Compassionate support from women who understand
-  Biblical guidance for healing and restoration
-  Freedom from guilt and shame through God's grace
-  Encouragement, prayer, and fellowship



Diocese of Gary

Beginning SEPTEMBER 2026

WHEN: **Sept. 3, 6:30-8:00 PM**

WHERE: **St. Teresa, Valparaiso**

DURATION: **Every Thursday, Ending Nov. 19**

COST: **Free, but will need to purchase workbook, \$16**



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To Register or Learn More

 CONTACT: **Registration Required Contact Debbie at**

 PHONE/TEXT: **219-840-0496**

 EMAIL: **drevor60@gmail.com**



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Diocese of Gary Black Tie | White Collar Gala

Friday, September 18 from 6:00 to 10:30 PM at Avalon Manor Banquet Center in Merrillville
6:00 PM - Open Bar and Appetizers | 7:00 PM - Dinner and Program.

Live and Silent Auction, Music and Dancing until 10:30 PM. \$100 per person. Priests, Religious and Deacons attend free of charge. To register, go to the Diocese of Gary Website. For more information, contact JoAnne Rosenow at 219-769-9292 or email jrosenow@dcgary.org.

Stewardship

Stewardship in Action

Pray for married couples that they keep God first in their lives, marriages, work and family.

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.



Sunday August 23, 2026

Adult Collection - \$23,126.00
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Managing God's Gifts To Us

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

SUNDAY AUGUST 30

OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms

K of C Corporate Communion Mass, 11:30 AM, Church

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

MONDAY AUGUST 31

Wine Committee, 5:00 PM, SPH

Centering Prayer, 6:00 PM, SW Room

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion, After 7:00 AM Mass, Chapel

Labors of Love, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, SPH

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2

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

Faith Formation New Family Gathering Meeting, 6:00 PM, SPH

Stewardship Meeting, 6:00 PM, SE Room

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3

Faith Formation Catechist Gathering Meeting, 6:00 PM, SPH

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4

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

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5

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

Catholic Bible Study Sign Up, Before and After 5:00 PM Mass, GS

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6

Catholic Bible Study Sign Up, Before and After 7:30 AM and 9:30 Masses and After 11:30 AM Mass, GS

Vietnamese Confessions and Mass, 6:00 PM, Church

Marian Devotions, 7:00 PM, Cemetery

Vietnamese Reception, After Vietnamese Mass, SPH

Mass Intentions and Readings

SATURDAY AUGUST 29		THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3	
4:00 PM	✚ Rene Prenizny	7:00 AM	✚ Gerald and John Verdeyen
SUNDAY AUGUST 30 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4	
7:30 AM	Cheryl and Gary Diamond	7:00 AM	✚ Joan Gillespie
9:30 AM	✚ Catherine Hawkins ✚ Pat Logue ✚ Andrew Panega	SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5	
11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	8:00 AM	✚ Joe Zabarske
MONDAY AUGUST 31		5:00 PM	✚ Deceased Friends of the Lemon Family
7:00 AM	✚ John and Kristin Finley	SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1		7:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
7:00 AM	✚ Joseph Heintz	9:30 AM	✚ Jill Margala
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2		11:30 AM	✚ Mike and Mary Starr Isabel Micias ✚ Leonard and Len Lua
7:00 AM	✚ Steve Storck	✚ indicates deceased	
8:55 AM	✚ Norma Dobrzynski		

Reflections...

The Word

(Readings for September 6, 2026, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- I. Ezekiel 33:7-9
God called the prophet as a watchman for the house of Israel. Unless those called by God try to turn the wicked away from evil, they will not be saved. When holy people speak up on God's behalf, they are saved.
- II. Romans 13:8-10
All commandments are summed up in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."
- III. Matthew 18:15-20
Jesus said, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."



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.



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