

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
AUGUST 9, 2026

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HE CAME TOWARD
THEM WALKING ON
THE SEA.

— MATTHEW 14:26 —



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

2:30 PM-3:30 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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He Makes His Presence Known. In the Sacraments we encounter God. A Sacrament (the 7 Sacraments) is an outward sign of God's grace imparted to us to help make us more like Him, to help make us Holy. However, there are daily encounters, sacramental moments, with Jesus as well. The problem is that we can become so accustomed to meeting God in the Sacraments that we miss His presence in those events of our daily life. Why? Because you and I often are looking for a certain sign of God's presence and we miss the smaller manifestations of God's grace. We are looking for the lightning bolt, and we miss the tiny whisper.

The Prophet climbs up the mountain of God just as Moses did. God promises to make the Divine presence felt, just as God did for Moses. On the mountain God creates a majestic fire and windstorm, complete with an earthquake, but no thundering voice of God. Unlike Moses' encounter with God in a fabulous burning bush that was not consumed by the flames, Elijah encounters God in a less dramatic fashion. God makes His presence known "as a tiny whispering sound." The lesson: be ready for God to manifest Himself, however God chooses to do so. Whatever the manifestation, it is for our own good.

This is not the first time for Elijah that God makes His presence felt in an out-of-the-ordinary way. It is important to note that only a few paragraphs earlier in the first Book of Kings, Elijah is exhausted. He has contested the prophets of the false gods and triumphed over all of them. But the wicked queen wants his hide. So, he flees to the desert, lies down under a broom tree, and wishes he could die. But God has other plans for Elijah.

God makes His presence known by serving up some hearth cakes and water, via an angel, to Elijah under that broom tree in the middle of nowhere. The prophet eats and lies down again, so God whips up another batch of hearth cakes, hands him another jug of water and tells him to eat. He had a long journey ahead of him, a forty-day trip to the mountain of God. Elijah's faith as well as his body is nourished, and he obeys.

Elijah has the desire to be left alone following his battle with the false prophets, but God has more plans for Elijah, more than he could imagine. Not only does God have more for His servant to do, but God gives His servant the nourishment to do it. We are not too different than Elijah. We too can find ourselves exhausted and looking only for blissful relief and nothing more. But God gives us the nourishment we need to pick ourselves up and continue on the journey to encounter God in yet another place and time.

Elijah's seeking a hiding place faith is contrasted with Peter's boldness in the gospel. Peter is astonished to see Jesus walking on the water, but he is bold and seeks to prove to himself and the others that what they see is really Jesus. However, Peter's boldness is quickly replaced by the fear that often hides under our bravado. It's that bravado that impedes us from seeing God's presence in the small events and encounters of daily life. It is important that we, like Peter, allow Jesus to lift us up out of the mundane to see His hand at work in our daily routine. Appreciating these quite daily Sacramental encounters is what make our public Sacramental celebrations truly effective.

St. Mike's Festival Day! I wish to thank all those who helped organize and staff our Festival Day. Special thanks to all those who contributed as sponsors too. Once again this year the Mega Raffle Team deserves our particular gratitude. Thanks to all who set up the grounds and will help to take things down. The effort of everyone involved should be commended.

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.



Marian Devotions

Join us for a night of prayer that will leave you feeling calm, refreshed and ready for a peaceful night's sleep. The next Marian Devotion is this Sunday, August 9 at 7:45 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine.

Ministry Profile

Meet Mark!



Mark Murzyn
Cross Bearer

After nearly 20 years as a parishioner of St. Michael Parish, Mark Murzyn has found meaningful ways to serve alongside his family—his wife and two daughters are also active in various ministries. A physical therapist by profession, he enjoys staying active and traveling with his family, making their faith life a true family affair.

Mark joined the Cross Bearer ministry after being invited by Deacon Ron and was happy to say yes. What he appreciates most is the unique perspective it offers, especially witnessing, from the back of the church, the reverence parishioners show to the cross as they leave Mass.

While he was initially a bit nervous to lead the procession, a little guidance and experience quickly replaced any hesitation with confidence. Being part of this ministry has deepened his sense of belonging and given him a meaningful way to serve the Lord during Mass.

Mark warmly encourages others to consider joining the Cross Bearer ministry, sharing that if you are physically able, it is a simple yet powerful way to serve. With pride he carries the cross for Jesus and for those in the parish who may not be able to do so themselves.

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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.

For Those Who Have Died...

Zofia Anuszkiewicz

Life has changed, not ended.

Welcome the Newly Baptized

David Alexei Melekumov

Luca Nathaniel Conteras

Viviana Isabella DeHoyos

Education and Formation



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**Monday, August 17th
4-6pm**

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Preschool Orientation
3:45pm in the school gym (Door A)



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Open Bar



Dinner



Auction Items



Musical Performance

Interested in sponsoring a table or donating an auction item? Contact Joe Udani at 219-765-7328 or judani@stmichaelparish.life. Live auction items will be shared October 9 via Flocknote. Stay tuned!



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SENIOR GEMS

The Senior gems went for a fun outing on Tuesday to the Friendship Botanical Gardens in Michigan City. Anyone 50 and older, church member or not, can come join Senior Gems for fellowship, friendship, and fun. They meet twice a month, on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, at 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall. Call the Parish Office with any questions and to join.



Gospel Trekkers

Join Deacon Gary and the Gospel Trekkers for their next leisurely hike.

This Sunday, August 9, the Trekker's will walk and discuss the topic of the Sacraments and how they affect us in our daily lives. Please arrive at Redar Park in Schererville by 2:30 PM. Call Sandy at 708-737-0303 for any questions.

Next Weekend After Mass

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



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Sunday August 2, 2026

Adult Collection - \$19,968
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Total Weekly Offering
\$23,468.00

Vietnamese Mass
\$1,481.00

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

SUNDAY AUGUST 9

OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms
Marian Devotions, 7:45 PM, Cemetery

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

MONDAY AUGUST 10

Centering Prayer, 6:00 PM, SW Room

TUESDAY AUGUST 11

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion, After 7:00 AM Mass, Chapel
Senior Gems Business Meeting, 10:00 AM, SE Room

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12

Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, Chapel
Good Samaritans, 6:30 PM, SE Room

THURSDAY AUGUST 13

KOF Officers Meeting, 7:00 PM, St. Amand Room

FRIDAY AUGUST 14

Chair Yoga, 8:00 AM, St. Amand Room
Respect Life Meeting, 1:30 PM, SE Room

SATURDAY AUGUST 15

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

SUNDAY AUGUST 16

Coffee and Donuts, After All Masses, SPH
Blood Pressure Readings, After 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses, East Cloak Room
New Member Registration, After 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses, SPH
OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms
Vietnamese Confessions and Mass, 5:00 PM, Church

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Mass Intentions and Readings

SATURDAY AUGUST 8		THURSDAY AUGUST 13	
4:00 PM	✚Helen Frantz	7:00 AM	✚John Mary Boyle
SUNDAY AUGUST 9 NINETEENTH SUNDAY		FRIDAY AUGUST 14	
IN ORDINARY TIME		7:00 AM	✚Jill Margala
7:30 AM	For an End to Abortion On Demand and a Conversion of Heart For Those Who Provide Abortions	SATURDAY AUGUST 15	
9:30 AM	✚Mary Grehan ✚Mattie Mannion Jr. ✚John LaMagdeleine	8:00 AM	✚Rupert Leluga
11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	5:00 PM	✚Chandler Cowser
MONDAY AUGUST 10		SUNDAY AUGUST 16 TWENTIETH SUNDAY	
7:00 AM	✚Joseph Heintz	IN ORDINARY TIME	
TUESDAY AUGUST 11		7:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
7:00 AM	✚James Grossman	9:30 AM	Mary Erlenbush
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12		11:30 AM	✚Paul Van Sickle ✚Dolores Wright ✚JoAnne Janowski
7:00 AM	✚Julius Gordan	✚ indicates deceased	
8:55 AM	✚Kristin and John Finley		

Reflections...

The Word

(Readings for August 16, 2026, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- I. Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 The holy mountain, the temple of the Lord, is “a house of prayer for all people.”
- II. Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 God’s love and mercy are gratuitous; we are all recipients of the benefits of Christ’s life, death, and resurrection.
- III. Matthew 15:21-28 The Canaanite woman displayed an extraordinary confidence that Jesus would hear and answer her. She possessed an undaunted and persistent faith in the Messiah of Israel.



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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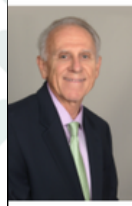


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