

Welcome to St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Community

The 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 1, 2026



“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

Matthew 5:12



Growing Into the Future

Together

See Inside for Update and
How You Can Help!



**St. Michael the Archangel Church
Parishioner Service Center
serving generations to come.**



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 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 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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- Centering Prayer Ministry
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- Catholic Bible Study
- Faith Formation
- Marriage Ministry
- Marriage Preparation
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- AV Ministry
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- Stewardship

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- Boy Scouts of America/Girl Scouts
- Comforting Chefs
- Festival Committee
- Holy Name Society
- Knights of Columbus
- Labors of Love
- Ministry of Hope & Consolation
- Young Adult Ministry
- Parish Nurse
- Senior GEMS
- Welcoming Ministry

Peace & Social Justice Commission

- Good Samaritans
- Rebuilding Hope Mission Team
- Wheelchair Ramp Ministry
- Respect Life Group
- Pastoral Care

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Looking for God in All the Wrong Places. Achievement is the assumed virtue of our society. Making something of ourselves is the work of our lives. You and I spend a good portion of our lives building ourselves up; building our talents, knowledge, possessions, opinions and egos. Whether we achieve a lot or a little, we stand proudly on our achievements.

Healthy pride can easily become prideful. It's easy to forget the trials and difficulties we lived through to get where we are today. Our attitude about our achievements can become bloated. We start to disregard the difficulties of other less fortunate people. We begin to believe that we are a "self-made" man or woman.

St. Paul reminds us that not one of us is "self-made." I don't mean to shock anyone, but this is true. All that I have and all that you have is from God. St. Paul invites us to meditate on the nature of God's "oppositeness." That is, by human standards God acts opposite of how we would act.

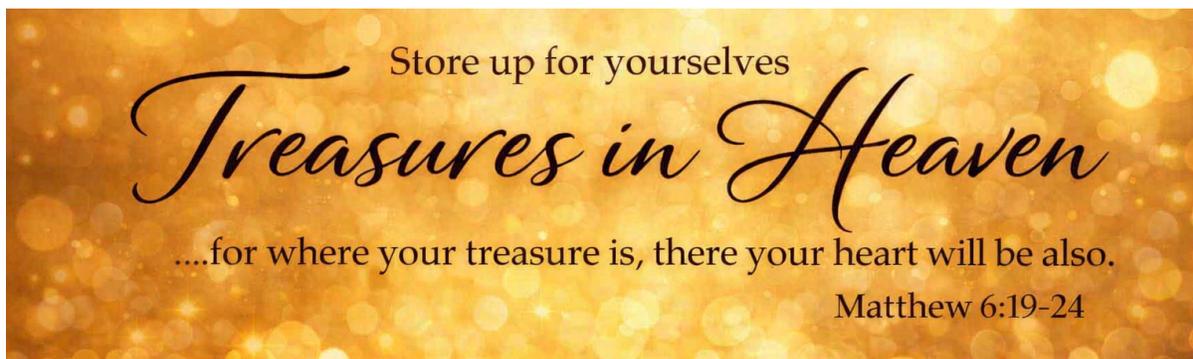
God works most gloriously through the weak, not the strong. God is most eloquent through the ruminations of a child, not necessarily a knowledgeable adult. God's beauty can shine most clearly in what we would consider the ugliest of places. St. Paul tells us that God is found in all the places we least expect. God is actually in all the wrong places according to the ways of society.

God acts like this to make it clear to you and me that all of our achievements are nothing if they do not lead us to see that it is God who accomplishes in us all great things. Understanding that we are "God-made," not "self-made," is the essence of wisdom and compassion towards others. It is also the essence of generous stewardship. When you realize in your heart that all you have is a gift from God, you tend to be less selfish.

Those who give of their time and talents are not all retired people; they are not people without families or young children, they are people who come to know how much God does for them, even when things don't go right. People who choose to tithe (give 5-10% of their income) in the Sunday collection are not rich people, they are not single people, and they are not people without mortgages. They are people with all the similar economic conditions you and I encounter. But, they know in their heart that all they have is from God's generosity, and so they need to give back to God.

There is an old saying in AA, "fake it till you make it." It means "just do what you know must be done, and sooner rather than later you will find yourself doing what you thought you couldn't do." You find yourself being more generous with your talents, your treasure and your time.

Remember it was Jesus who said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." If my heart, or yours, is set mostly on the things of this world, pleasure, entertainment, wealth, security, then this is my legacy, my treasure. To this Jesus reminds us, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal." Use what you have to "lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal." Jesus' words, not mine.



Spirituality and Worship

Eucharistic Adoration



“A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.”- Saint Padre Pio

**Come and Spend Time with the Lord—
Wednesdays, 1:00 - 4:00 PM in the Chapel.**

From the Sacristan's Desk



In anticipation for Ash Wednesday, baskets will be placed in the church to collect used blessed palms. There are two baskets in our Gathering Space, one by the Chapel door, and one in the Parish Office. Collection ends the week before Ash Wednesday.

Thank you for your help.

Peace and Social Justice Commission

PRAY FOR THE SICK; LIFE IS PRECIOUS

Lynn Fesenmyer, **Pat Moore**, **Marlene Townsend**, Dennis Walker, **Carole Schiessle**, **Susan Stern**, **Rina Testolin**, **Geraldine Heintz**, **Leo Paratore**, **Sherrrie Marrotta**, **Tim & Helen Hazard**, **Kimberly Hooegeveen**, Emelia Williams, Jennifer Engle, Karen Velgos, **Shirley Centanni**, Jill Plesha, **Jennifer Jones**, Phyllis Leyba, **Pat Matz**, **Pam Bane**, Krista Bane, **Dave and Jo Brown**, Nicole Villanueva, Rose Ilgin, Ruth Marie Sarros, **Ken Anderson**, **George Ristich**, Soledad Salinas, Joan Hamnik, **Tim Bunchek**, Joe Kruzan, **Tom Boney**, **Michelle Lamb**, 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.*

Good Samaritans "Souper Bowl"

Donate a can of soup to the Good Samaritan Food Pantry next Sunday, February 8! Collection bins will be available in the Gathering Space.



Welcome the Newly Baptized

Brett Antonio Warren Neering
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You are invited to Celebrate the Lunar New Year with the St. Michael Vietnamese Community

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH
 5 pm individual confessions
 6 pm Mass in Vietnamese

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Saturday, February 14, 2026
 St. Patrick Hall - 6pm

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TOGETHER, WE'RE BUILDING MORE THAN A BUILDING — WE'RE BUILDING COMMUNITY.

Through the generosity of our parish family, we are within reach of our \$5 million GIFT campaign goal. Your support helps us begin construction on our Parishioner Service Center — a space designed to serve, welcome, and support our ministries into the future.

PHASE I - SCHOOL HVAC SYSTEM

COMPLETE - INSTALLED Summer 2025

- Phase I Project Budgeted Cost: \$2,000,000
- Total Expenses: \$1,766,000
- Net Savings: \$ 234,000
- Net Savings going toward Project Phase II – Parishioner Service Center

PHASE II - PARISHIONER SERVICE CENTER

Phase II Project Budgeted Cost: \$3,000,000



A welcoming Parishioner Service Center connected to our church campus.



A campus designed to serve our parish family for generations.

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| • Welcoming Entry | • Administrative Offices | • One Level Access. ADA Compliance |
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| • Ministry Support Spaces | • Improved Sacristy | • Enhanced Security & Privacy |

The Parishioner Service Center will serve as the central hub for our parish family. It will support wedding preparation, sacramental needs, historical documentation, family consultations, funeral planning, school scholarships & grants, and many other services that help our community thrive.

GIFT PROGRESS UPDATE JANUARY 25, 2026



Grateful for our generous parish family.



Sharing the vision together.



Excited for what the Future will bring for our parish.

PRAY. PARTICIPATE. PLEDGE.

FINAL PUSH FOR PHASE II - \$3,000,000

Help us cross the finish line.

As of January 2, 2026

Phase II Goal: \$3,000,000

Pledged: \$ 2,235,000

Still Need: \$ 765,000+



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Questions? Email us at gift@stmichaelparish.life or call 219-322-4505.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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Join us in making a difference for those in need as we knit, crochet, and craft items to bring warmth and comfort to others. All skill levels are welcome! Our next gathering will be on February 3 at 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall.



HEY ALTAR SERVERS! A BOWLING BASH JUST FOR YOU!

JOIN US IN SOME FOOD, FUN & BOWLING

When: Saturday, February 28, 12:00 - 2:00 PM (please arrive by 11:45 AM)

Where: Stardust Bowl III 1330 Sheffield Ave. Dyer, IN 46311

Please RSVP by Monday, February 23 by contacting Pam Wisniewski

Cell: 219-306-1520

Email: mpwisniewski@sbcglobal.net



Join Us for Chair Yoga, February 6 at 8:00 AM in the St. Amand Room

Please call Ursula at 219-741-3276 to register.



SENIOR GEMS

On February 10 at 10 AM, we will meet for white elephant BINGO. Please bring a wrapped gift and dish to share. We are having chicken as the main course. Come join the fun!

The Adult Education Team Presents:

“The Elements of the Catholic Mass”

Signup sheets are available in the Gathering Space until February 8. Presentations will be on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM starting on February 9 in St. Patrick Hall. For more information, please contact Mary Ann at 219-865-6454.

RADIATE YOUTH MINISTRY

Radiate is a place of non-judgement, fun, and support for your faith life! The next meetings are February 15 (talking about love) and February 22 (talking about anxiety). To join Radiate or ask questions, contact Mrs. Jeannine Quigley 219-775-5356.

St. Mike's Young Adult Ministry

FEB 10

Let's Talk about Social Media

7:00 PM Video & Discussion
St. Michael the Archangel
1 W Wilhelm Street
Schererville, IN 46375

Andrew Laubacher, Director of Humanity (which is dedicated to recovering right relationship with tech to help us be more human) reveals how smartphones are designed to be addictive and the harmful effects of screens -- while giving tips to detox this Lent!
South West Meeting Room & bring snacks!

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, receive text updates, or to join our GroupMe! 219-798-3248

NIGHT OF LOVE

FEBRUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 28



A Night of Adoration. Come, spend sacred time in the Real Presence of our Lord. Let us gather together as a community of prayer, uniting our hearts and minds in adoration, worship, and intercession.



SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

4:30 - 5:30 PM Individual Confessions

7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

8:15 PM Mass in Chapel after Stations

All Night Vigil Begins after Mass

9:00 - 10:00 PM Confessions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

MIDNIGHT Confessions

7:00 - 8:00 AM Individual Confessions

8:00 AM Mass in Chapel

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 8082 – DYER

14TH ANNUAL PACZKI BALL DINNER /
DANCE FUNDRAISER

When: February 14, 2026; 6 PM – 11 PM

Where: Goretto Hall on the grounds of St. Maria
Goretto Church, 500 Northgate Drive,
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Cash bar and family style Polish dinner
followed by dancing featuring E-Z Tones Polka
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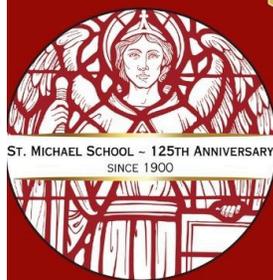
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Bell Choir

Bell choir practices are Friday evenings from
6 - 7 PM in the church. Anyone 4th grade and up is
welcome to join. Music knowledge a plus, but not
required. Come ring out the Lord's praise! Questions
can be directed to Kathleen, (219) 613-4870.

Altar Servers

Young people, from fourth grade through seniors
in high school, are encouraged to help the priest,
deacon and parishioners pray together. As
ministers, altar servers participate in the liturgy,
pray and socialize together and give glory to
God through service. Call Deacon Ron Pyle
(219-742-8263) for more details.



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SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

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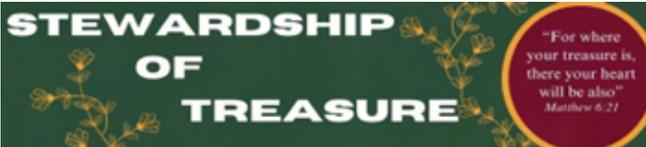
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Little Lenten Books will be available for purchase in the Gathering Space before and after all masses starting the weekend of February 7/8.



January 25, 2026

Adult Collection - \$12,693.00
 Children's Collection - \$112.00
 Loose Collection - \$223.00
 EFT's - \$5,245.27

Total Weekly Offering
\$18,273.27

Thank you for your generosity!

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1

"Elements of the Catholic Mass" Signup Sheets Available, Before and After All Masses, GS
 Valentine's Day Dance Ticket Sales, Before and After All Masses, GS
 OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Meeting Rooms
 "Catch the Spirit" Mass, 11:30 AM, Church
 Vietnamese Confessions and Mass, 5:00 PM, Church

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

MONDAY FEBRUARY 2

Marriage Ministry, SW Room, 6:00 PM
 Liturgy Committee Meeting, SE Room, 7:00 PM

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 3

Labors of Love, 10:00 AM, SPH
 Faith Formation, 6:00 PM, SMS and Gym
 Catholic Bible Study 6:30 - 8:30 PM, SPH

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4

Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, Chapel
 Faith Formation, 6:00 PM, SMS and Gym

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5

Comforting Chefs Meeting, 9:00 AM, SPH
 Baptismal Prep, 5:30 PM, SW Room
 Centering Prayer, 6:00 PM, SW Room
 Music Ministry Practice, 7:00 PM, Church
 Unbound Training, 7:00 PM, SPH

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6

Chair Yoga, 8:00 AM, St. Amand Room
 OCIA, 5:30-10:00 PM, SPH and St. Amand Room
 Bell Choir Practice, 6:00 PM, Church

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7

1st Saturday Devotions, After 8:00 AM Mass, Chapel
 Confessions, 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel
 "Elements of the Catholic Mass" Signup Sheets Available, Before and After 5:00 PM Mass, GS

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8

Little Lenten Book Sales, Before and After All Masses, GS
 "Elements of the Catholic Mass" Signup Sheets, Available Before and After All Masses, GS
 K of C Pancake Breakfast, After All Masses, SPH
 OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Meeting Rooms
 Faith Formation Sunday Class, 9:30 AM, SMS and Gym



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY	JANUARY 31	THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 5
5:00 PM	✚ Rosa Alicia Magana Fountain	7:00 AM	✚ George and David Sorros
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 1 4TH SUNDAY OF	FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 6
	ORDINARY TIME	7:00 AM	✚ Deacon Jack Krol
7:30 AM	✚ James "Nacho" Mendoza	SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 7
9:30 AM	✚ Delores Klein ✚ Norma Dobrzynski ✚ John and Marilynn Martin	8:00 AM	✚ Richard Zaborske
11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	2:00 PM	John Mamelson and Valerie Graves Wedding
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 2 PRESENTATION	5:00 PM	✚ Chandler Cowser
	OF THE LORD	SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 8 5TH SUNDAY OF
7:00 AM	✚ All Souls		ORDINARY TIME
8:55 AM	✚ Norma Dobrzywski	7:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 3	9:30 AM	✚ Jeanette Lucente
7:00 AM	✚ Kenneth Nitz	11:30 AM	✚ Norma Dobrzywski ✚ Patricia Chilla ✚ Jill Margala
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 4		
7:00 AM	✚ John and Pat Gallas-Wedding Anniversary ✚ Mela Castel		✚ indicates deceased

The Word

(Readings for February 8, 2026, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reflections...

I. *Isaiah 58:7-10*

Isaiah prophesied: Share bread with the hungry. Shelter the homeless. Clothe the naked. Do not turn away from your own. "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn."

II. *1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

Paul's teaching did not come from himself, but from the convincing power of the Spirit. So the faith he passed on rests "not on human wisdom but on the power of God."

III. *Matthew 5:13-16*

Jesus called His disciples the "salt of the earth" and "the light of the world." He cautioned them not to let the salt lose its flavor and not to put a cover on the light, but to let it shine. "Your light must shine before others and glorify your heavenly Father."

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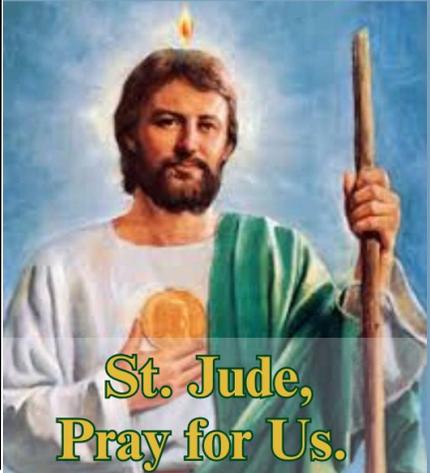
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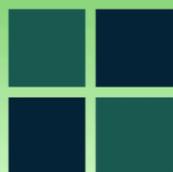


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