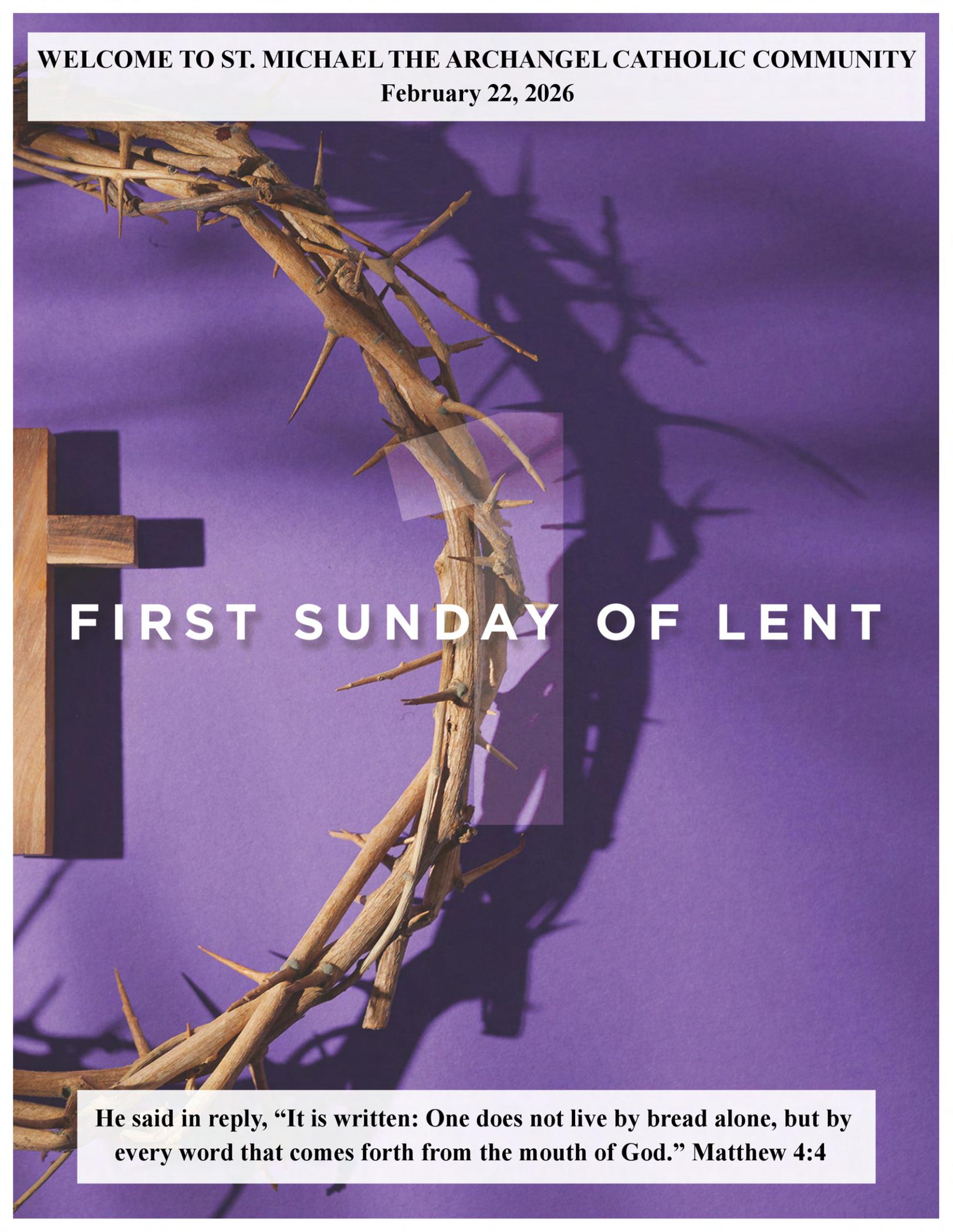


**WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

**February 22, 2026**

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**He said in reply, "It is written: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4**



**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

**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.

**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.

**Spirituality & Worship Commission**

- 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
- Baptismal Preparation
- Catholic Bible Study
- Faith Formation
- Marriage Ministry
- Marriage Preparation
- Radiate
- School Administrator

**Stewardship & Parish Administration**

- AV Ministry
- Cemetery Committee
- Parish Gardeners
- Stewardship
- Parish Life**
- 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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**How It All Began.** The story of the origins of humanity are shrouded in mystery. By this I do not mean mystery as something that cannot be understood, but rather mystery as is in the fact that our origin as a species cannot be simply defined by scientific conjecture. Even if we evolved at some point, we became human, a being possessing more than just a survival instinct. We began to possess a will. The first humans had a powerful tool other species did not have. That tool was their will. Humans can imagine something to be different, and they can will it into reality. Even intelligent animals cannot will themselves beyond their natural capabilities. We can!

What intervenes between God's original intent for us, His creation, and the resulting distortion of that intent is the greatest gift God gives us. It is the gift of our free will. God gives this to us for one particular purpose, to know Him and to love Him freely, without coercion. It is the gift that we can freely exercise to make it possible for us to turn to God or to turn away from God.

We begin Lent with the story of our fall. It is not the first time Adam or Eve exercised their will, but it becomes the first time they choose to exercise their will in an opposite direction from their nature. That nature was not like that of the other pieces of creation. Our original nature was to be with God and to walk with God as Genesis relates. Though we are created in His image and likeness, we are not the Creator. He is all good, all loving, all forgiving, and all merciful. We are that too, but only if we quell our self-interest.

Adam and Eve, indulging their self-interest, which is what led to eating the fruit, was an act of willfulness. Lent is a time to review how our sometimes voracious taste for self-interest is killing us. It's a time to move away from the fall and toward their reality of our risen life in Christ. We have a taste of what it means to seek God's interest, which is to seek the good of their he other. We see what awaits us if we use our will to choose the fruit of service instead of self-interest.

We come to know that there is a cost to quelling our willfulness. The cost is not what the world would consider palatable. The cost is seen in Jesus' passion and death. But, the result is beyond our imaginings. The good news is that Jesus has done the worst for us. What we pass through in our trials are already redeemed by His trial. The crosses we carry are only pieces of the Cross He carries for you and me.

Our first parents disobeyed, used their will not to seek God's Will. Our second Adam, Jesus, uses His will to obey, to resist disobedience in the desert. He shows us how to seek once again God's Will and shows us that we do not have to be slaves to our desires, our fears, and our pride. Use the disciplines of Lent: more prayer (together and in private), fasting and abstaining from meat and other foods and activities, and giving alms (sharing our treasure with the less fortunate). These tools for our Lenten journey challenge our self-interest and help us to grow our will to seek union with God who created us in His image.

**Our Joint Lenten Project:** We often think of Lent as a time of individual penance, prayer and good works. In reality, the season of Lent developed as a time of intensified communal acts of prayer, penance and good works (almsgiving). This is why we have a communal Lenten project.

This Lent, everyone is invited to share a particular cross they carry. We all carry some piece of the Lord's Cross in our personal crosses. Today, you are invited to share one significant cross you carry. It might be the concern that "my children don't go to church," or it might be "my battle with cancer, etc." or it might be "tension in my marriage" or "worry about my employment," etc.. On the small card, you are asked to share that cross. No names are necessary. Just, in brief, share your cross.

Next week, on the 2nd Sunday of Lent, our crosses will be hung from the wooden cross in the Gathering Space. I ask everyone, young and old, to just take a look at someone's cross and then do some act of sacrifice, almsgiving or prayer during the week for that person.

Also, in the bulletin next week and in the Flock Note there will be a QR code and/or a link to post what you did, like: "I prayed the Stations of the Cross" or "I offered a decade of the rosary each day" or "I fasted an extra day" or "I made a donation to the Good Samaritans" etc... These good works, sacrifices and prayers will then be posted on screens in the Gathering Space. This will be a comfort for all of us as we see our crosses graced by the almsgiving, prayer and sacrifices of each other. A poignant reminder that you and I do not carry our cross alone, but our crosses are carried with the grace that comes from Jesus and His Body, the Church.

## 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—  
Wednesday, 1:30 - 4:00 PM in the Chapel.**

## This Weekend’s Second Collection

This week, our second collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps to restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule.

Funds from this collection support reconstruction education, formation, and poverty outreach.

# COMMUNAL LENTEN PROJECT 2026

## WE PRAY TOGETHER

**How to Participate in “The Cross We Carry”. Together, we are lifting one another in prayer and growing stronger in faith.**

### 1 - *Fill Out a Card - Weekend Feb 21 & 22*

Complete a Cross We Carry intention card and place it in the baskets located in the Gathering Space. This can be done at anytime.

### 2 - *Choose & Commit from the Lenten Display - Starting Weekend Feb 28 & Mar 1*

Select a fellow parishioner’s intention(s) and commit to an Act(s) of Sacrifice, Prayer or Almsgiving you can comfortably and faithfully do.

### 3 - *Share Your Act(s) of Sacrifice, Prayer or Almsgiving - Starting Week of Mar 1*

Submit your Weekly Action through the parish form (scan the QR CODE) or visit our website at [stmichaelparish.life](http://stmichaelparish.life).

### 4 - *Watch Us Come Together - Weekend of Mar 8 and ongoing*

View the parish Acts of Sacrifice, Prayer or Almsgiving on the video display in the Gathering Space each week.

**Together, we are stronger in prayer.**

**Scan Here:**



## 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  
(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](mailto:mpwisniewski@sbcglobal.net)

## CORRECTED TIMES PREPARATION FOR ADULT CONFIRMATION 2026

April 29- 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM

May 6- 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM

You must attend both classes.

For more information and registration, please contact

Kimberley Hoogveen

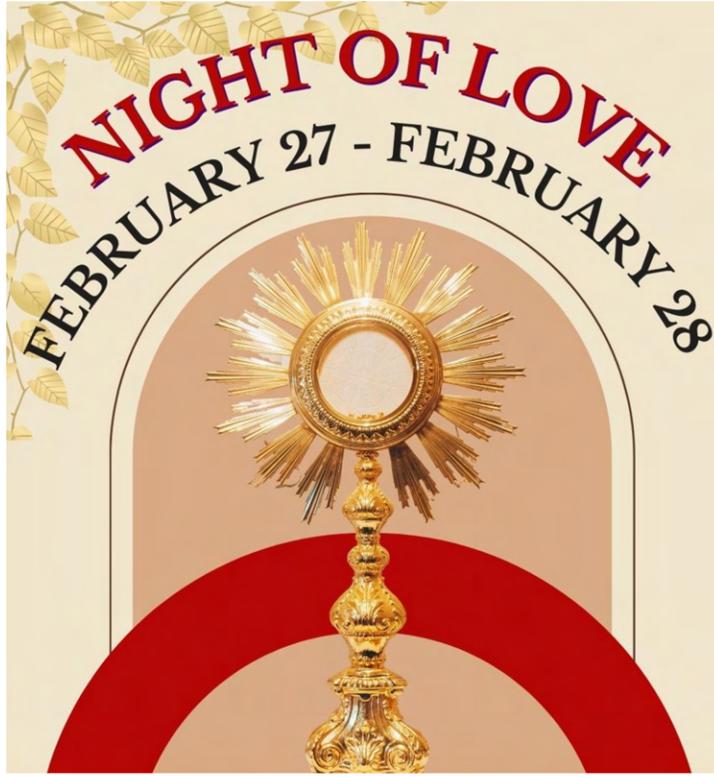
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## Stations of the Cross Ministries

Boy Scouts of America/Girl Scouts  
Comforting Chefs  
Festival Committee  
Holy Name Society  
Knights of Columbus  
Labors of Love

**Friday, Feb. 27, 7:30 PM**



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

## Peace and Social Justice Commission

### PRAY FOR THE SICK; LIFE IS PRECIOUS

*Tom Matz*, Shirley Miller, *Carol Clark*, Lynn Fesenmyer, *Pat Moore*, *Marlene Townsend*, Dennis Walker, *Carole Schiessle*, *Susan Stern*, *Rina Testolin*, *Geraldine Heintz*, *Leo Paratore*, Sherrie Marrotta, *Tim & Helen Hazard*, Karen Velgos, *Kimberly Hoogeveen*, Emelia Williams, Jennifer Engle, *Shirley Centanni*, Jill Plesha, *Jennifer Jones*, Phyllis Leyba, *Pat Matz*, *Pam Bane*, Krista Bane, *Dave and Jo Brown*, Nicole Villanueva, Rose Ilgin, *Ken Anderson*, Ruth Marie Sarros, *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.*

## Education and Formation

### St. Michael's High School Youth Group Invites All Teens!

All high school teens are invited to join us for a place of non-judgement, filled with fun and support for your faith life. Contact Mrs. Jeannine Quigley 219-775-5356 with any questions.

#### Join Us For Our Next Events, Feb. 22

- Come to our first Radiate choir practice. 5-6 PM, Church.
- After choir practice, join us for a discussion on our TOPIC: Anxiety. What does the bible say? How can we overcome it? BRING your favorite comfort food to share! 6-8 PM, SPH



# ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL WARRIOR OF THE WEEK DAVID DARNELL



My name is David Darnell, and I started attending Saint Michael's during 7th grade. Socially, it was the best year for me. I plan on attending Andean High School next year. I will really miss this place. I've made a lot of good memories here. I've done all of the sports I could, and I've especially enjoyed playing soccer. Basketball and volleyball were also very enjoyable. The sports at SMS are much better compared to other schools.

I believe SMS is also very unique compared to other schools. For example, the classes are small, and it makes it easier to make friends and work with other students. The expectations are better than at an average school, which helps improve you as a person.

My advice to younger students is to make friends, not procrastinate on your work and be polite. SMS has really helped me grow as a person. For example, I feel that I have become a kinder person, have improved my social skills, and am doing better at managing procrastination and completing my work. SMS has also done a great job helping everyone with hardships as we face issues. Our school does not give up on any of its students and does the best it can to help them. In conclusion, I want to express how kind and welcoming this school has been to me. To any younger students reading this, I'm sure you will have a wonderful experience here.

## Parish Life

### Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 2026



#### Join Us for Our Annual Fish Dinner Friday

February 27, 4:00 – 7:00 PM, Saint Patrick Hall

Fish Dinner: \$15 (Dine In or Take Out). Kids Meal Cheese Pizza: \$7  
500 Fish Fry meals available!



#### Menu highlights

- Baked or Fried Fish (Pollock)
- Made-from-Scratch Mac and Cheese
- Hand Cut Fries
- Homemade Coleslaw
- Vegetable Medley
- Beer, wine, and pop (extra charge)

Reserve your tickets by purchasing them before and all Masses this weekend, at the Church Office (until 2/26), at the door, or online. Scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/kocff2026>.



Free will donations will support Gibault Children's Services "Campagna Academy".

**Blood Pressure, Glucose, and Oxygen Screenings available this weekend after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, and 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses on Sunday in the East Cloak Room.**

#### SENIOR GEMS

Join us at our next gathering for a business meeting on Feb. 24 at 10 AM in the SE Room. We will be discussing adventures to the Hammond Theater on March 1, and trips with both the Golden Times and Senior Promise. Come join the fun!

## Your Gifts, Expertise and Enthusiasm Are Needed!

For our parish to function well, your gifts and talents are needed. We are seeking members for six important councils and committees: the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, St. Michael School Advisory Committee, Home and School Committee, Sports Advisory Committee, and Faith Formation Advisory Committee. There are no nominations or elections. Members are chosen through a process of DISCERNMENT, just as the Apostles chose those who would help them. The discernment process is simple and even enjoyable. Interested parishioners attend two Wednesday evenings, March 6 and March 13, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Participation in both evenings are required. Interested? Please call Deacon Gary at 219-322-4505, ext. 8222, or email gwolfe@stmichaelparish.life to reserve your place. Reservations help ensure we have enough materials for everyone. Sessions will be held in St. Patrick Hall.

## 2026 SUPER RAFFLE RESULTS

February, 8, 2026	#	Amount
Raffle Ticket Sales	3,107	\$155,350.00
Raffle Expenses		\$13,611.33
Raffle Winners Payments		\$31,900.00
<b>Net Raffle Results</b>		<b>\$109,838.67</b>
% Return on Ticket Sales		70.70%

## Calling All Bakers!



The St. Michael Knights of Columbus need your help.

Desserts needed for Fish Fry: cakes, cupcakes, cookies, pies, brownies, or your specialty

Drop off @ St. Patrick's Hall  
Thursday, February 26- 1 - 5 PM  
Friday, February 27 - 12 - 4 PM



## Ministry Highlight



## COMFORTING CHEFS MINISTRY

Comforting Chefs supports our grieving parish families who choose to have a luncheon in St. Patrick Hall following their loved one's funeral Mass. We prepare and serve a welcoming meal that allows them time to focus on prayers and sharing memories of their loved ones with family and friends.

We are so very thankful to all parishioners who continue to graciously donate bakery goods and sides for our funeral luncheons. All those interested in joining or donating to our ministry can call the Parish Office (219) 322-4505, ext. 8220.

## St. Michael Livestream Schedule Update

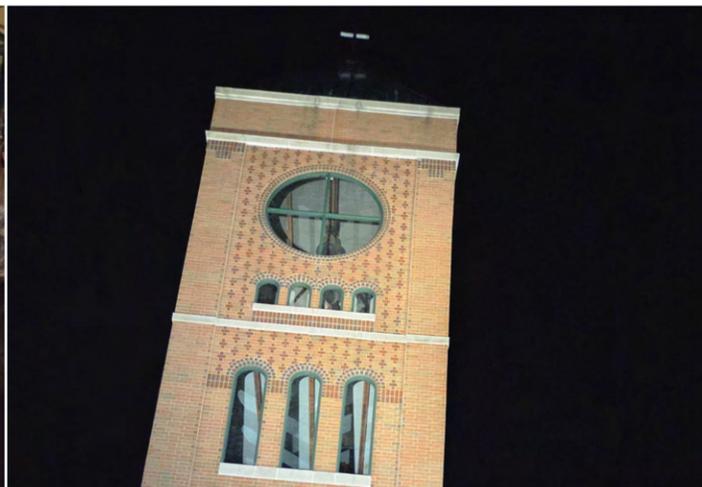
**STARTING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28,**  
**THE 5 PM MASS WILL BE RECORDED & LIVE STREAMED.**  
**THIS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

You can view Mass on FB LIVE or visit our Your Tube page at <https://www.youtube.com/@StMichaelsParishandSchool> for the weekly Mass.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE AV MINISTRY? NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY—TRAINING IS PROVIDED.  
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT 219-322-4505 TO LEARN MORE.

# St. Michael Faith Formation

On Tuesday, February 17, Faith Formation students and catechists listened to Fr. Robert as he read during the burning of the Ashes. His 7th grade class also had the honor to help carry the Holy Palms to the rock in the front of the Church as an Alleluia was sung by all.



## WHEELCHAIR RAMP MINISTRY

On Friday, February 6, St. Michael's Wheelchair Ramp Ministry installed its 106<sup>th</sup> ramp for Mitre Jovanoski in Crown Point. This was a referral from parishioner Ben Dorris who was the past chairman of Catholic Charities. Pictured on the ramp is Mitre's son Patrick, and his wife Marilou.

If you would like to participate in this ministry in any way, please contact the St. Michael's parish office at 219-322-4505. If you know of anyone who may benefit from our services please have them contact Catholic Charities at [outreach@catholic-charities.org](mailto:outreach@catholic-charities.org) or call 219-886-3549 and ask for Daniela Ocanas.

### 106<sup>th</sup> Installation!



## CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY

### BURYING OUR DEAD

The Corporal Work of Mercy to bury our dead involves many aspects. There is the preparation for the funeral as well as the planning of the funeral liturgy. A parish community may also serve a funeral luncheon. Another important aspect is for the community to be present and to be with the family in song and prayer when they go through this most difficult time. Many of us have already gone through this and know that the day of the funeral is the most difficult time for us to sing. It is the Resurrection Choir that gives voice to the family.

St. Michael Parish family is forming a **Resurrection Choir** that will sing for funerals. The choir would be notified by email when there is a funeral and those who are available will come to sing and respond to the prayers of the Mass and pray with the family. The music that the family will choose is from the music already known here at St. Michael's, therefore, there is no practice for the Resurrection Choir. There is no need for any prior experience of singing in a choir, only a heart of compassion for one another. The funerals at St. Michael Parish is usually at 10:30.

If you are interested, please fill out the form below and return to Danette Lashbrook, Music Director at the parish office. Thank you for your willingness to be the voice of God for our families at this difficult time. If you have any questions please contact Danette Lashbrook at the parish office 219-322-4505 X8227.

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#### RESURRECTION CHOIR

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

# LABORS OF LOVE

Join us in making a difference for those in need as we knit, crochet, and craft items to bring warmth and comfort to others. Bring your own project and work at your own pace while sharing your gifts with a caring community. All skill levels are welcome! Our next gathering will be on Tuesday March 3, 12:00 - 2:00 PM, in St. Patrick Hall.



## Bell Choir

Bell choir practices are Friday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 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.

The Ship Sets Sail...  
April 18th, 2026

The Ports will be Open  
for Fun, Food & Drink!

Save the Date!

**PASSPORT** 26  
TO OUR HERITAGE

NOW INTRODUCING  
OUR NEWEST PORT...

**MONTE  
CARLO**



**FOOD  
DRINKS &  
GAMING**

Interested in  
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Heritage?

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### STAY CONNECTED WITH ST. MICHAEL PARISH!

Keep up with everything happening by signing up for Flocknote.

Has your contact information changed?  
**Are you receiving the Weekly Message every Friday at 12:12 PM?**

If not, join Flocknote or reach out to the parish office so we can make sure you're connected!

Get ready for an amazing part of the year don't miss a moment, stay in the know!

Keep in touch with us via  
email and text!



**flocknote** TEXT  
MIKE



**TO 84576**

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.



# Renewing the Heart of the Servant

*Renovando el Corazón del Servidor*



**SUNDAY, MARCH 15**  
**4-7 p.m.**

**Pastoral Center**

9292 Broadway  
Merrillville, IN 46410

## **Retreat Leader:**

Rev. Cesar Cajetan Arras, CR,  
Order of Clerics Regular

A spiritual retreat to uplift and rejuvenate a ministry leader's heart and soul.

*Un encuentro espiritual para elevar y renovar el corazón y el alma de un líder ministerial.*

**Bilingual retreat with potluck dinner to follow.**

*El retiro será bilingüe y habrá una cena comunitaria para compartir.*



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dcgary.org

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**dcgary.org/renew**



**Weekly Schedule**

**Stewardship in Action**

Fast from a fun activity this week such as watching TV for an hour. Spend that time in prayer or do an act of kindness.



"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.



**February 15, 2026**

Adult Collection - \$15,710.00  
 Children's Collection - \$64.25  
 Loose Collection - \$407.00  
 EFT's - \$2,833.95

**Total Weekly Offering  
 \$19,015.20**

**Vietnamese Mass  
 \$2,588.00**

**Thank you for your generosity!**



**PARISH GARDENERS**

The Parish Gardening Ministry will be holding a seed sale after all the Masses the weekend of March 14/15 in the Gathering Space. They will be offering a wide variety of flower, vegetable and herb seeds. Additionally, some seed starting supplies will be available to get those seeds started off right. All seed packets are only \$1, cash only. Start planning your garden now!

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22**

K of C Fish Fry Tickets, Before and After All Masses, GS  
 Lenten Little Book Sales, Before and After All Masses, GS  
 Blood Pressure Readings After 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM  
 Masses, East Cloak Room  
 OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms  
 Radiate Choir Practice, 5:00 PM, Church  
 Radiate Meeting, 6:00 PM, SPH

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

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 23**

Adult Education Program, 7:00 PM, SPH

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24**

Senior Gems, 10:00 AM, SPH  
 Faith Formation, 6:00 PM, SMS and Gym  
 Catholic Bible Study, 7:00 PM, SPH

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25**

Mom's Support Group, 10:00 AM, SPH  
 Eucharistic Adoration, 1:30 - 4:00 PM, Chapel  
 Children's Choir 3:30 PM, SMS Library  
 Faith Formation, 6:00 PM, SMS and Gym

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26**

Centering Prayer, 6:00 PM, SW Room  
 K of C Rosary, 6:00 PM, Chapel  
 K of C Meeting, 6:30 PM, St. Amand Room  
 Music Ministry Practice, 7:00 PM, Church  
 Unbound, 7:00 PM, SE Room

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27**

Chair Yoga, 8:00 AM, St. Amand Room  
 Stations of the Cross, 12:00 PM, Church  
 K of C Fish Fry, 4:00 - 7:00 PM, SPH  
 Nigh of Love Confessions, 4:30 - 5:30 PM, Chapel  
 Radiate Volleyball, 6:30 PM, Gym  
 Stations of the Cross, 7:30 PM, Church  
 Night of Love Mass, After Stations, Chapel  
 Night of Love Confessions, 9:00 PM, Chapel

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28**

Night of Love Confessions, 12:00 AM and 7:00 AM, Chapel  
 Confessions, 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel  
 Vietnamese Lenten Retreat, 6:30 PM, Church

**SUNDAY MARCH 1**

OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms  
 "Catch the Spirit" Mass, 11:30 AM, Church  
 Vietnamese Confessions and Mass, 5:00 PM, Church  
 Vietnamese Reception, 7:00 PM, SPH



# Mass Intentions

## FOR THE WEEK



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 21</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 26</b>
5:00 PM	✚ Andy Panega	7:00 AM	✚ Charlene Prenizny
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 22</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 27</b>
	<b>1ST SUNDAY OF</b>	7:00 AM	✚ Departed Souls of the Congregation of Mother of Carmel
	<b>LENT</b>		
7:30 AM	✚ Eugene and Evangeline Parker	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 28</b>
9:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	8:00 AM	✚ Daniel Kuzma
11:30 AM	✚ Bart Pruzin ✚ Glenn Applegate ✚ Pat Carlay	5:00 PM	✚ Cathleen (Skizas) Lesniak
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 23</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 1</b>
7:00 AM	✚ Charles Bielefeld		<b>2ND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 24</b>	7:30 AM	✚ Kenneth Kollasch
7:00 AM	✚ Rosemary Gordon	9:30 AM	✚ Norma Dobrzynski ✚ Barbara Bosak ✚ Paul Van Sickle
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 25</b>	11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
7:00 AM	✚ Paul Van Sickle		
8:55 AM	All Souls		

✚ indicates deceased

### The Word

*(Readings for March 1, 2026, Second Sunday of Lent)*

Reflections...

- I. Genesis 12:1-4a Abram was commanded by the Lord to leave his home and go to a new land. There the Lord God would make him a great nation, and all would be blessed because of him.
- II. Timothy 1:8b-10 God saves all people and calls them to a holy life, not because of their own merit but because of the grace held out in Christ. Christ “destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.”
- III. Matthew 17:1-9 Jesus went up to a high mountain. With Moses and Elijah at His side, He was transfigured before the eyes of His disciples Peter, James, and John. A voice from the cloud said, “This is my Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.”

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O GENTLE AND LOVING ST. ANTHONY, WHOSE HEART WAS EVER FULL OF HUMAN SYMPATHY, WHISPER MY PETITION INTO THE EARS OF THE SWEET INFANT JESUS, WHO LOVED TO BE FOLDED IN YOUR ARMS. THE GRATITUDE OF MY HEART WILL EVER BE YOURS. AMEN.

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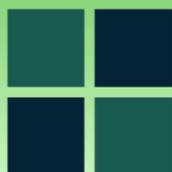


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