

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
JULY 12, 2026

A close-up photograph of a hand sowing seeds into the soil. The hand is positioned in the upper right, with fingers slightly curled, releasing a stream of small, light-colored seeds onto a dark, rich, and textured patch of earth. The seeds are scattered across the soil, some still in the air. The background is a blurred continuation of the soil, creating a sense of depth. The overall color palette is warm, with earthy browns and a soft yellow light.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“A SOWER
WENT OUT TO
SOW.”

— MATTHEW 13:3 —



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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Grass is Overrated! Or is it? The problem with nice grass is that it is not easy to accomplish. All the conditions need to be right or at least within the parameters of acceptable. The wild card is weather and weeds. I have been trying for several years to get the grass in the backyard of the rectory more presentable. Some years are better than others. But every year, even after fertilizing and spraying those pesky enemies of nice grass, I still end up with some parts that won't grow, rocky patches, and an abundance of clover and Creeping Charlie. And then there are large areas of nice grass. I, like you, don't have the time to treat the lawn like a golf club gardener so I have learned how to give thanks for the large areas of nice grass, and I try to extend those areas a little each year. Keeping a lawn takes more than just good intentions. On the other side of the coin, being obsessive about it can do it as much harm as being negligent.

Jesus knows that the effect of God's Word will grow and produce and He also knows it will not happen overnight. The example of the Sower and the seed reveals this insight. The seed, God's Living Word -- Jesus, is sown and yet a beautiful lawn does not instantly appear. There are spots that need more fertilizer, the Holy Spirit's energy. There are spots that are rocky with hard-heartedness. There are spots that grow well at first but don't last because too much sun or interference from invasive ground covers them. Our hearts themselves have many of the features of this landscape. What to do? No perfect lawn seems achievable.

Time has to be respected. Time alone reveals to me and you those bare spots in our lives, those places of rocky hardness that shut our ears to God's Word. We all have those revelations that at first excite us and we promise God, "I will be more faithful," or "I'll do" this or that and then we allow the scorching sun of other desires to choke off our growth in Jesus. You and I can become overly concerned with goals and desires that lead us away from Jesus. Perhaps we obsess about the patchy growth of our lawn and think we will never see a "nice" lawn in our lifetime. That can lead to despair and a sense that we cannot come to God. This easily leads to doubt and then abandonment. In the end, abandonment leads to fear. This all is the work of the one who wants to increase our bare spots, our rocky spots and our spots that are thinning.

Last week Jesus reminded us to turn toward Him and take His yoke upon us and enter into His rest. Not the yoke of the world that wears us down and leaves us out, unable to experience the rest of God's Kingdom. This week, look for some opportunities of fertilization for your lawn to increase that patch of nice grass. Do an act of kindness for someone or choose to forgive someone who has offended you. Resolve to water your lawn with daily prayer, just a few minutes at the beginning and the end of the day or come spend some time before the Lord in our Chapel (it is open until 3:00 PM each day).

Kids are not excused from fertilizing their lawns too. Help around the house during your summer break, do some extra cleaning for mom/dad. Take some time to pick up branches outside after a windy summer storm or play with someone in your neighborhood that others tend to ignore. All of us need to know that Jesus has planted something very special in our hearts and minds, the knowledge that God loves us very much and wants us to grow in experiencing that love, when we care for each other.

Festival Day Details. Though we will have a one-day fest this year, we still want to have activities for the kids and young people as well as the adults. Help will be needed to make the day a success. David Mendoza is calling all bartenders or those who wish to serve beer to contact the Parish Office by July 12. He needs to ensure everyone is registered with the State for the Festival Day. Also, Jill Hartogh is helping to organize volunteers for the kids' activities and adult games like Bars and Bells, Bingo, etc. Please call the Parish Office. Baked goods are also still needed for our super festival bakery, see this information in this bulletin. I am thankful to our Knights of Columbus who are coordinating the parish food booth which will have the best of the best food truck fare.

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 Outreach

Meet Michael!



Michael
Wisniewski
Senior Altar Server

Michael Wisniewski, a graduate of St. Michael School and a senior at Marian Catholic High School, has served as an altar server at St. Michael Parish for seven years. Inspired in fourth grade when Fr. Greg invited students to serve, Michael stepped forward after admiring the dedication of the altar servers at Mass.

Over the years, his role has grown from a new server learning the responsibilities to a leader within the ministry. Along the way, Michael learned that making mistakes is part of the journey and that serving is more about dedication and giving one's best to God than about perfection. Today, he serves as a senior server, assists as a Master of Ceremonies, helps train new servers, and serves on the Altar Server Committee.

Outside the parish, Michael is a member of Boy Scout Troop 532 working toward Eagle Scout and plans to attend Purdue Northwest University to pursue a pre-veterinary program.

Michael describes altar serving as a meaningful and rewarding way to grow in faith while actively participating in the life of the Church. He shares that it has been a truly fulfilling experience that has helped him grow closer to God while becoming more involved in his parish. Michael warmly encourages anyone considering becoming an altar server to give it a try, adding that new servers are always welcomed with open arms

Marian Devotions

The next Marian Devotion is next Sunday, July 12 at 8:15 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine.

Festival Day: Mass Time Change

Due to our Parish Festival, the regular 5:00 PM Saturday Mass will be at 4:00 PM on August 8.

Peace and Social Justice Commission

PRAY FOR THE SICK; LIFE IS PRECIOUS

Karla Lesko, Rhonda Kelly, **Kathleen Mance**, Lynn Fesenmyer, **Audrey Weber**, **Carol Good**, **Katherine Cullinane**, **Geraldine Heintz**, **Nicole Villanueva**, Dennis Walker, Sandra Walker, **Rina Testolin**, **Timothy Bunchek**, **Tom Swanson**, **Leo Paratore**, **Shannon Gallas**, **Mary Jo Rymarczyk**, Donna Saber, **Sherry Lazzaro**, **Ken Anderson**, Ruth Sarros, **"Mick" Adamsom**, **Marlene Townsend**, Thomas Boney, Charlie Bandera, Joan Hamnik, **George Ristich**, **Helen Kwitkowski**, Krista Bane, Gerry Scheub, **Pat & 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's parishioners are in bold, italic print.

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Giovanni Gregory Aloia



SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED...CAN YOU HELP?

The Good Samaritans are having their annual school supply appeal for children in need. Pencils, crayons, folders, back packs, printing paper, notebooks, glue sticks, pens, scissors, hand sanitizer, children's scissors and learning to print lined paper are just a few items needed. Items will be collected between July 12 and August 2 near the chest in the Gathering Space. As always, we appreciate your generosity and we sincerely thank you for your support!



Education and Formation

THEOLOGY UNCORKED



Join us for Theology Uncorked on July 28 at 6:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall with wine, socialization and food. At 7:00 PM, Deacon Nicholas Emsing will be helping us see how AI can influence our faith. He will also be presenting and giving feedback on Pope Leo's Encyclical recently published - "Magnifica Humanitas."

There is no cost for Theology Uncorked. However, we ask that you sign up after masses so that we are aware of how many people we have to prepare for. Sign up sheets will be on the table in the Gathering Space, or you can call Janice at 219-322-4505 and leave your name. Signup dates are July 12, 19 and 26.

Did You Know...? Faith Formation Starts in 1st Grade!

Children 6-7 years old are enthusiastic to learn, enjoy stories, games, and are eager to connect with their peers. We create an environment that builds a warm welcoming spirit, allowing room for learning and spiritual growth. The office will now be open: Tuesday ~ Thursday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

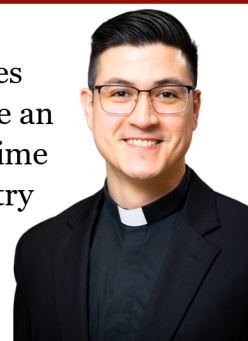
CALL THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE TODAY AT 219-322-3077 TO REGISTER YOUR 1st GRADER FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!

Parish Life

Welcome Fr. Glick!

**Please join us in welcoming
Fr. Zachary Glick, our
New Associate Pastor!**

Father Glick grew up in Highland and attended Our Lady of Grace School and Highland High School. Before entering the seminary, he earned BS and MS degrees in mechanical engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. He became an Air Force chaplain candidate during seminary, and will eventually become a full-time active-duty U.S. Air Force chaplain after completing his last year of priestly ministry in the Diocese of Gary. Let us welcome Fr. Glick to St. Michael Parish—we are so happy to have him as part of our community!



PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS

EVERYONE
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PARISH FEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our Fest is just around the corner, and we need your help to make it a wonderful event!

We're looking for volunteers to assist with a variety of activities, including Grounds Set Up, Kids-Zone, Bingo, Ticket Sales, Pull Tabs, Bake Sale, Food Booth, Groundskeeping, Grounds Take Down, and more. Whether you can give a few hours or the entire evening, your time and talents will make a meaningful difference. This is a great opportunity to serve, meet fellow parishioners, obtain service hours, and help create a fun and welcoming experience for everyone.

If you're interested in volunteering, please sign up after Mass or contact the following people.

Please note that the deadline for T-Shirt order will be Monday 7/20, so be sure to sign up early.

Jill Hartog: 219-381-9913 jmhartog@comcast.net

Lynn Schmitt: 219-306-1774 schmitt0826@gmail.com

Mega Raffle: To volunteer please text your name & number to Joan at 312-403-0037. You must be 18.

Beer Garden/Bar: To volunteer please contact David 708-912-1340. You must be 21, have a valid bartender license or willing to apply for a Volunteer Employee Permit license.

We thank you for your willingness to serve—we couldn't do it without you!

CALLING ALL BAKERS!



Share your favorite homemade treats and help make our Parish Bake Sale a sweet success!

We invite all parishioners to donate baked goods, which may be dropped off on Friday, August 7, at 11:00 AM inside St. Patrick Hall. Please label your items with the name of the baked good and clearly indicate whether they contain nuts or are nut-free.

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MEGA RAFFLE

EARLY BIRD DRAWING JULY 26TH!

SCAN TO WEBSITE



SENIOR GEMS

Our next meeting is July 14 at 10:00 AM in the SE Room. Come help plan our next adventure.



CHAIR YOGA

Chair Yoga will meet on July 17 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 July 21 from 10:00 AM -12:00 PM in SPH.



CENTERING PRAYER

Centering Prayer will meet on July 13 at 6:00 PM in the SW Room.

Ministry Highlight



LABORS OF LOVE

Labors of Love is an 8 year old ministry with more than 30 members, ranging in age from their 20s to their 80s. Members use talents such as crocheting, knitting, sewing, painting, jewelry making, and more to create handmade items for hospitals, nursing homes, hospice, neonatal units, cancer patients, veterans, and others in need.

Donations include shawls, blankets, baby items, hats, scarves, adult bibs, handmade rosaries for First Communicants, and gift packages for babies baptized at St. Michael. Each November, a sampling of these creations is displayed at Coffee and Donut Sunday after every Mass. Items may be taken home free of charge, though donations are appreciated. New members are always welcome! We meet the first and third Tuesday of each month from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall. Brochures are available in the hallway racks by the doors of the Gathering Space for more information.



Join Deacon Gary and the Gospel Trekkers for their next leisurely hike on Sunday, July 19. They will walk and discuss faith filled topics to inspire us on our journey with Christ. Please meet in the St. Michael parking lot by the cemetery by 2:30 PM. If you have any questions, please call Sandy at 708-737-0303.

Next Weekend After Mass



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



Blood Pressure, Glucose, and Oxygen Screenings available after 5 PM Mass
Saturday, and after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses Sunday in the E. Cloak Room.

Life in the Spirit

Join the St. John the Evangelist Praise Group as we encounter the Holy Spirit through worship, music, and quiet reflection. Prayer intentions will be offered near the end of each gathering. We meet the first and second Mondays of the month at 6:30 PM in the SJE Day Chapel, 11301 W. 93rd Ave., St. John, Indiana. Upcoming meetings are July 13 and August 3 & 10.



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!

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Whether you've moved, changed contact information, welcomed a new baby, gotten married, experienced a loss, or had another major life change, we encourage you to keep us informed so we can walk alongside you and be there when you need us most. Thank you!



Updating your information is simple:

- Call the parish office at (219) 322-4505
- Complete the form available in the Gathering Space.
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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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday July 5, 2026

Adult Collection - \$18,536
Children's Collection - \$85.00
Loose Collection - \$640.12
EFT's - \$7,360.48

Total Weekly Offering

\$26,621.60

Vietnamese Mass

\$1,356.00

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

SUNDAY JULY 12

Mega Raffle Ticket Sales, Before and After All Masses, GS
OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms
Vietnamese Sacramental Prep, 2:30 PM, SW Room
Marian Devotions, 8:15 PM, Cemetery

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

MONDAY JULY 13

Centering Prayer, 6:00 PM, SW Room

TUESDAY JULY 14

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion, 7:00 AM, Chapel
Senior Gems Business Meeting, 10:00 AM, SE Room
K of C Officers Meeting, 7:00 PM, St. Amand Room
Catholic Bible Study, 7:00 PM, SPH

WEDNESDAY JULY 15

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

THURSDAY JULY 16

No Events Scheduled

FRIDAY JULY 17

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

SATURDAY JULY 18

Confession, 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel
Mega Raffle Ticket Sales, Before and After 5:00 PM Mass, GS
Blood Pressure Screenings, After 5:00 PM Mass, East Cloak Room

SUNDAY JULY 19

Mega Raffle Ticket Sales, Before and After All Masses, GS
OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms
Blood Pressure Screenings, After 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses, East Cloak Room
New Member Registration, After 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses, SPH
Vietnamese Confessions and Mass, 5:00 PM, Church

Mass Intentions and Readings

SATURDAY JULY 11		THURSDAY JULY 16	
5:00 PM	✚ Elizabeth Oberman	7:00 AM	✚ Nicholas Bohling ✚ Norma Dobryznski ✚ Melvin Jerome Loggins
SUNDAY JULY 12 FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY		FRIDAY JULY 17	
IN ORDINARY TIME		7:00 AM	✚ Terri and Jerry Wynkoop
7:30 AM	✚ Jill Margala	SATURDAY JULY 18	
9:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	8:00 AM	Gordan Selin
11:30 AM	✚ Sara Kozub ✚ Leonard and Len Lula Tom Matz	5:00 PM	✚ Elmer Joyce
MONDAY JULY 13		SUNDAY JULY 19 SIXTHTEENTH SUNDAY	
7:00 AM	✚ Helen Scobee	IN ORDINARY TIME	
TUESDAY JULY 14		7:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
7:00 AM	✚ Departed Souls in the Congregation of the Mother of Carmel	9:30 AM	✚ Phillip Bruno
WEDNESDAY JULY 15		11:30 AM	✚ Pat Carlay ✚ Dolores Wright ✚ Jo Anne Janowski
7:00 AM	✚ Mary Ann Adam	✚ indicates deceased	

Reflections...

The Word

(Readings for July 19, 2026, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- I. Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 Though powerful, the Lord judges with mercy and governs with care. God teaches people kindness, hope and repentance.
- II. Romans 8:26-27 Paul reminded the Romans that the Spirit helps God's people in their weakness and intercedes for them.
- III. Matthew 13:24-43 Jesus told the crowd the parable of the wheat and the weeds, the parable of the mustard seed and the parable of the yeast. Through parables, He encouraged His disciples, assuring them that God's saints would shine like the sun in the heavenly reign.



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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that so, by means of your intercession and your glorious merits, I may be made worthy
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