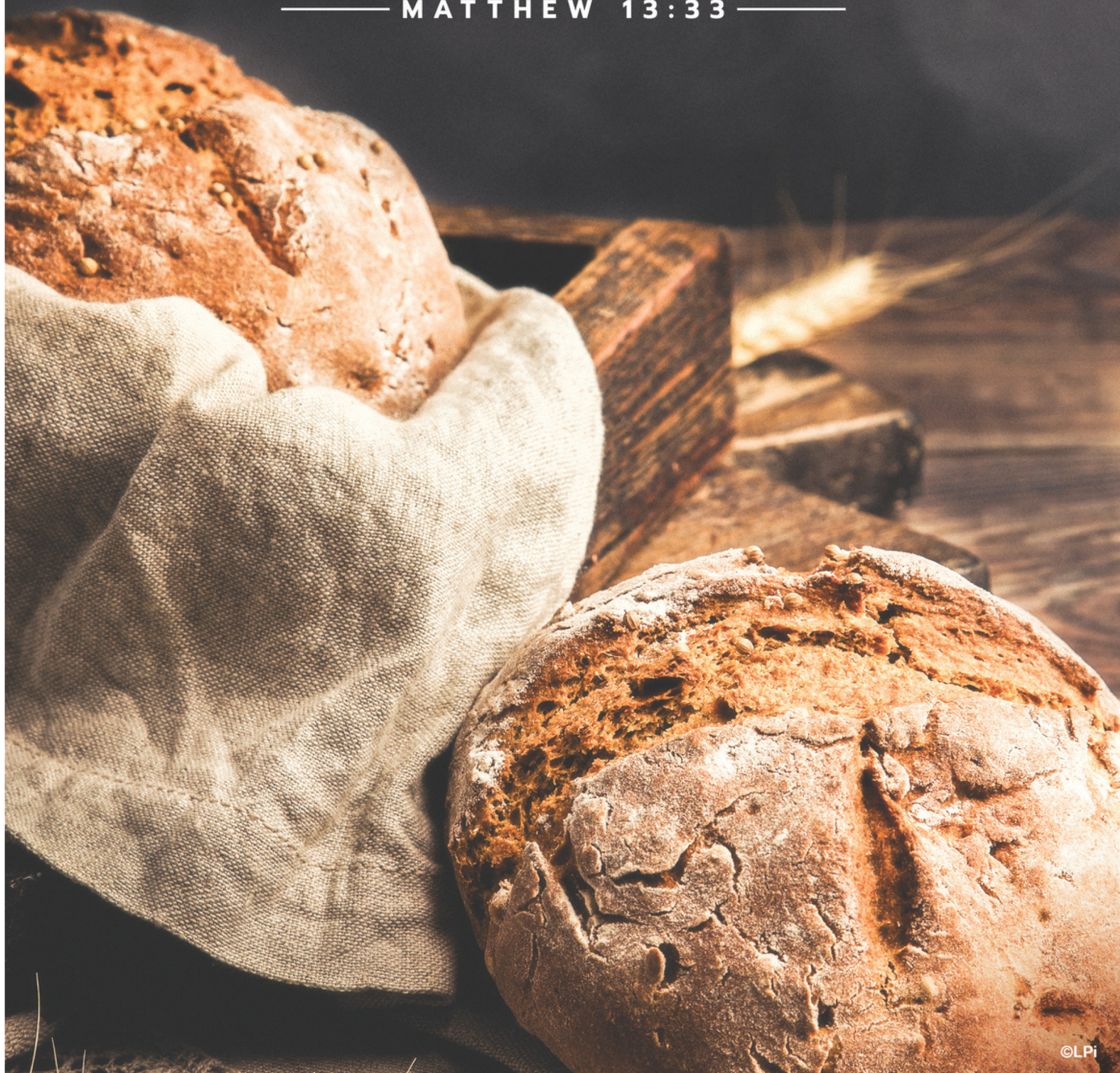


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JULY 19, 2026

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— MATTHEW 13:33 —





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

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DAILY LITURGY

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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

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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

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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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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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Building a Domestic Church. The family is meant to be a little church. The home is the first place where the faith is handed on. The goal of Christian parenting is not merely to raise successful children, but to raise saints. Pope St. John Paul II wrote, “The future of humanity passes by way of the family.” If we desire a renewal of the Church, we must begin with the renewal of family life.

Perhaps no married couple illustrates this better than Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, the parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Looking back on her childhood, St. Thérèse wrote, “God gave me a father and mother more worthy of heaven than of earth.” The Martins remind us that saints are ordinarily formed through the hidden faithfulness of daily family life.

One of the greatest gifts parents can give their children is to teach them to pray. Prayer should not be reserved merely for bedtime, but children should learn to pray throughout the day and to do different kinds of prayer. Children also need to see their parents pray. Seeing their mother pray the Rosary or their father kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament makes a big impression on children.

Our homes should also be shaped by the Church’s calendar. Celebrating feast days, learning the stories of the saints, and observing the liturgical seasons teach children that the faith is not merely something we do on Sunday morning but a way of life.

Parents should also help their children love the Sacraments. Bringing children to daily Mass occasionally, taking them for brief visits to the church to adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, and seeing their parents go to Reconciliation regularly can help foster this.

At the same time, one of the great challenges facing families today is the excessive use of technology. Phones, televisions, tablets, and computers can become tremendous distractions. Archbishop Fulton Sheen warned that many people know how to make a living but have forgotten how to live. Children need conversation, silence, books, outdoor play, and time with their families.

Parents also pass on the faith by preparing well for Sunday Mass. Reading the Scriptures beforehand, arriving early, and discussing the Gospel afterward help children understand that the Eucharist is the most important event of the week. The Lord’s Day is a day for worship, rest, family meals, and time together.

At the center of family life stands the vocation of marriage. Marriage is not a contract but a covenant, a sacrament, and a path to holiness. Husbands and wives should continue to spend time together, pray together, and nurture their relationship. After God, one’s spouse comes before every other earthly relationship, even before one’s children.

The Church also recognizes the importance of children receiving the unique gifts of both father and mother. Mothers and fathers each contribute in distinct and complementary ways to the formation of their children. Christian marriage is also called to be open to life. Our culture often sees children as burdens or inconveniences, but the Gospel sees them as blessings and gifts. Zélie Martin once wrote, “I wish to have many children in order to raise them for heaven.” Large families often become schools of generosity, patience, sacrifice, and service.

Finally, parents have the sacred responsibility of teaching their children the Scriptures. Every Catholic child should know the great stories of salvation history and come to know Jesus Christ in the Gospels.

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 Sue!



Sue Zajac
Hospitality/
Greeter

Sue Zajac has been a dedicated member of St. Michael Parish since 2009, serving alongside her husband, Mike, in the Hospitality Ministry. A retired special education professional, Sue now enjoys time with her family; three married children, three grandchildren, and another on the way. Plus, she puts her other talents to work in running her longarm quilting business.

Sue was drawn to the Hospitality Ministry as a way to meet more people within the parish, and she quickly found a welcoming community that feels like family. She finds great joy in greeting others as they arrive for Mass, knowing that even a simple smile or kind word can brighten someone's day, no matter what they may be going through.

Her experience in ministry has naturally carried into her everyday life, shaping how she connects with friends, family, and even strangers. Sue believes that a warm, familiar presence can make all the difference, helping each person feel truly welcomed and part of something special.

Sue encourages others to consider joining the Hospitality Ministry, sharing that it's a beautiful way to connect, serve, and be that friendly face that makes someone feel at home.

Marian Devotions

The next Marian Devotion is Sunday, July 26 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.

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Peace and Social Justice Commission

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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!



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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's parishioners are in bold, italic print.

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Felix Stephen Tomko



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 - "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 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 THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!

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

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

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

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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, 2026, at 11:00 AM Please label your items with the name of the baked good and clearly indicate whether they contain nuts or are nut-free. Please call Cheryl at 219-865-1495 with any questions

HELP OTHERS DISCOVER YOUR MINISTRY!

During the Parish Festival, our ministries will be showcased inside the Gathering Space.

This is a wonderful opportunity to help parishioners learn more about your ministry and discover ways they can become involved. From sewing and singing to community service and distributing the Body and Blood of Christ, every ministry plays an important role in the life of our parish. Each participating ministry will receive space to decorate a table with information, photos, displays, or other items that highlight what the ministry does.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE



The Knight's of Columbus will host their church blood drive
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 Several years ago, our council brought back the blood drive that Saint Michael
 ran for many years. Our church/council hosts three blood drives per year.
DONORS WILL RECEIVE A FANDANGO MOVIE TICKET.



SENIOR GEMS

Join us for our outing to Botanical
 Friendship Gardens on July 28. Please
 call the office for more details.



CHAIR YOGA

Chair Yoga will meet on July 24 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 20 at
 6:00 PM in the SW Room.

Ministry Highlight



CROSS BEARER MINISTRY

The Cross Bearer Ministry has the honor of leading the entrance and recessional
 processions at our weekend Masses. This ministry is open to anyone who is able to
 carry the processional cross, which weighs approximately 45 pounds. Young adults
 and teenagers are especially welcome, and we are always looking for additional
 volunteers to serve in this important ministry. If you are interested in becoming
 a Cross Bearer, please contact Steve Sieracki at 219-730-8200.

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UPDATE *your* INFORMATION

Updating your information is simple:

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



Join us next weekend for
coffee, donuts and fellowship
in St. Patrick Hall after all
Sunday Masses, July 26.



Gospel Trekkers

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

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SUNDAY JULY 19

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New Member Registration, After 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses, SPH
Blood Pressure Screenings, After 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses, East Cloak Room

OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms

Vietnamese Confessions and Mass, 5:00 PM, Church

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

MONDAY JULY 20

Centering Prayer, 6:00 PM, SW Room

TUESDAY JULY 21

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

Labors of Love, 10:00 AM, SPH

WEDNESDAY JULY 22

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

THURSDAY JULY 23

K of C Blood Drive, 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM, SPH

New Catechist Training, 6:00 PM, SW Room

K of C Rosary, 6:00 PM, Chapel

K of C Business Meeting, 6:30 PM, St. Amand Room

FRIDAY JULY 24

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

SATURDAY JULY 25

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

Mega Raffle Ticket Sales, Before and After 5:00 PM Mass, GS

SUNDAY JULY 26

Coffee and Donut Sunday, After All Masses, SPH

Mega Raffle Ticket Sales, Before and After All Masses, GS

OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms

Mega Raffle Early Bird Drawing, 2:00 PM, St. Amand Room

Vietnamese Sacramental Prep, 2:30 PM, SW Room

Marian Devotions, 8:15 PM, Cemetery



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SUNDAY JULY 19 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7:30 AM St. Michael Parish 9:30 AM ✚ Phillip Bruno 11:30 AM ✚ Pat Carlay ✚ Dolores Wright ✚ Jo Anne Janowski	FRIDAY JULY 24 7:00 AM ✚ Paul Van Sickle SATURDAY JULY 25 8:00 AM ✚ Jacqueline Wallace 5:00 PM ✚ Conrad and Carrol Maslowski
MONDAY JULY 20 7:00 AM ✚ Mary Ann Adam	SUNDAY JULY 26 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
TUESDAY JULY 21 7:00 AM ✚ Deacon Jack Krol	7:30 AM St. Michael Parish 9:30 AM ✚ Stanley Kulig ✚ Arthur Janowski ✚ Modesto Perez 11:30 AM ✚ Norma Dobrzynski
WEDNESDAY JULY 22 7:00 AM ✚ Sr. Brigid Ann Norner, S.P	✚ indicates deceased

Reflections...

The Word

(Readings for July 26, 2026, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- I. Kings 3:5, 7-12 God appeared to Solomon in a dream and offered him whatever he desired. The king requested wisdom to govern Israel well. The Lord granted the request.
- II. Romans 8:28-30 All things work for good for people who love God. The Lord God knows, predestines, justifies and glorifies people and calls them to share Christ's love.
- III. Matthew 13:44-52 Jesus said that the reign of heaven is like a buried treasure and a fine pearl. Those who find it sell all they have to attain it. God is like a householder who brings forth good things, new and old.



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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