

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
JUNE 7, 2026

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

# I AM THE LIVING BREAD.

— JOHN 6:51 —





**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.

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## From the Pastor's Desk

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**Being the Body and Blood of Christ.** In our celebration today of the Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi, we commemorate the great act of Christ's love in giving us His body and blood both at the Last Supper and at the great sacrifice of Calvary. Our thoughts should turn to "*why*" we have been given this special gift. We eat and drink the body and blood of Christ, St. Augustine would say, to proclaim both who we are and who we hope to become. In modern parlance we would say, "We are what we eat."

All the intricate arguments of "*how*" Christ becomes present in the elements of bread and wine, though important, must take a second place to the reason "*why*" Christ becomes present to us in this special way. You and I give true honor to the Blessed Sacrament when we allow this great mystery to transform us, in and through Christ's name.

We are called to be a "blessed sacrament" for the world. In the ancient Roman world, the Emperor's soldiers would receive a *sacramentum*. This sacramentum was a mark, a tattoo, that would set them apart as belonging to the Emperor. Anyone could see this mark and when they did it was as if the Emperor himself was present. The Roman soldier's sacramentum struck fear into people.

It is interesting that early Christians use this same concept to speak of Jesus. Jesus is the sacramentum, the obvious mark of God in the world. When you look at Jesus you encounter God. The followers of Jesus also receive a sacramentum, the mark of our baptism, the Sign of the Cross, that makes us belong to God, our eternal Emperor. When people see you and me they should encounter Christ.

In communion we reaffirm that mark, that sacramentum, we received in baptism. In this not only do we encounter God, but we become a place where other people can encounter God through us. Unlike the Roman soldier whose sacramentum was meant to strike fear in the people. Our sacramentum is meant to elicit wonder in awe in the God we represent and so invite others into love not fear.

Communion as a sacrament makes us into the very presence of Christ. It marks us out and invites others to encounter in us the Risen Christ. This encounter is meant for our workplaces, our schools, our baseball fields, our clubs, our neighborhoods, indeed in every aspect of our worldly life.

Life might seem just fine without Sunday Mass for a while, but soon the burdens of the prince of this world, Satan, can and do become quite heavy. I personally see this in the number of divorces, family problems and unhealthy habits that lead persons away from God and into the camp of death. The rise in number of suicides alone has adversely affected life expectancy statistics in this nation. It is hard to live for anyone, even for one's self, when separated from God. Being united to God is not a mental exercise or an idea, it is a real practical exercise that involves not just personal prayer, but participation in the act of Christ's Sacrifice (the Mass) to be able to be intimately united to Christ in Holy Communion.

Granted most people reading this will be those who regularly attend Sunday Mass. I would ask you to encourage your family and neighbors who "used to go" to go again. Prolonged absence from the Eucharist can lead to amnesia, the loss of remembering what God has done and does for us even today. Amnesia leads to disorientation and disorientation leads to despair and despair leads to hopelessness. Hopelessness leads to filling the void with things (over work, drugs, alcohol, sexual addictions, gambling, etc.) that promise what they cannot give in the end.

It is important to remember that receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is far more than filling up with grace to get through the trials of the week. It is a participation in the work of Christ that not only helps us through the week but is far more powerful. It helps us to bring Christ to the world in our daily living, a world that is always in need to encounter the healing presence of God. This is "*why*" we come to God's altar each week, to become more and more like Him who we are marked out to be.

# Spirituality and Worship

## 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 Paul!



Paul Forsythe

Music Ministry

Paul Forsythe warmly shares his experience as a member of the choir at St. Michael's, inviting others to consider the same joyful path. Encouraged by his friend Diane, who has served in the music ministry for over 20 years, he was invited to join during the Christmas season at the age of 69, despite not having sung since sixth grade.

With a background in playing the trumpet, reading music came naturally, but singing was a new challenge. After attending a choir practice and singing along the group, choir director, Debbie, placed Paul as a bass and he began learning something entirely new. *From the very beginning, he found unwavering support within the choir community.* Through this experience, Paul not only discovered his voice but also deepened his participation in the Mass. What began as a simple invitation has grown into a source of joy, purpose, and belonging. Today, he looks forward to coming to church and has formed meaningful friendships along the way.

*Other than marrying his wife of 52 years, Paul considers joining the choir one of the best decisions of his life—and he warmly encourages others to consider joining as well.*

## 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 Sunday, June 14 at 8:30 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine. Blessed Mother Mary, thank you for your love and intercession!



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WED. JULY 8

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& Bonfire**

Adoration  
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WED. JUNE 17

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### FATHER'S DAY MASS CARDS

The Respect Life Ministry will be selling Father's Day Mass cards after all weekend Masses. For \$2.00, you not only get a beautiful card to present to the men in your life, but their names will be entered into our book of intentions and prayed for at Mass for a year. Mass cards can be bought for those living and also for the deceased. This is a major fundraiser for our group and allows us to continue our support of those organizations that are helping to promote life throughout the year.

**Welcome the Newly Baptized**

Brynlee Anne Pritchett



**For Those Who Have Died...**

Theresa Nordyke

**Life has changed, not ended.**

# Did You Know...? Faith Formation Starts in ~ 1<sup>st</sup> GRADE! ~

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**CALL THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE TODAY AT #322-3077  
TO REGISTER YOUR 1<sup>st</sup> GRADER FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!**



FAITH FORMATION HOURS

Starting June 8, the office will now be open:  
Monday ~ Thursday 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM

## Radiate Youth Group Invites All High Schoolers AND 8th Graders!



**RADIANCE SOCIETY MASS - Sunday, June 7 at 9:30 AM, Church**  
The reception will be held in the St. Patrick Hall afterwards. Your family is welcome to join us!

## Parish Life

Ministry Highlight



### YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The Young Adult Group provides a community of prayer, support, and encouragement as young adults pursue God together. We welcome those ages 18 (high school graduates) to 35 in any stage of life, including college students, young professionals, singles, and married couples.

Since there are many young adults in a transitional stage of life seeking community, the ministry offers a place to grow in faith, build meaningful relationships, and focus on God rather than the distractions of everyday life. We look forward to welcoming new members and continuing to grow this ministry. To join our GroupMe, receive text updates, or ask questions, contact AnnMarie Hemmerling at 219-798-3248.

EVERYONE  
WELCOME!



# FAITH, COMMUNITY, FUN—ONE DAY TOGETHER

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

### 5 PM - 11 PM

LIVE MUSIC, ST. MICHAEL FOOD BOOTH, SWEETS, BINGO, KID ZONE, BEER GARDEN & MORE!  
PLUS MEGA RAFFLE DRAWING - CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF WINNING!  
Keep an Eye out for YOUR Mega Raffle Tickets in the Mail.

We want to stay connected with you through every stage of life. Keeping your parish information updated helps us better serve you and your family.

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!



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



## Order Your Anniversary Picture Today.

Capture the memory! A panoramic photograph of all reunion attendees from the St. Michael School 125th Anniversary celebration on May 3, 2026, is available to order. This keepsake print measures 10" high by 36" wide



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## GOODBYE RECEPTION

FOR **FATHER ROBERT**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH**

Please join us after ALL Masses for a Goodbye Reception with coffee and donuts. Come share your well wishes, memories, and appreciation as we celebrate Father Robert's ministry among us. As of July 1, Father Robert will begin his new assignment as Associate Pastor at St. Thomas More in Munster. While we will miss him, we send him with our prayers and gratitude for all he has given to our parish.



Join Bishop Robert J. McClory

*for the*

# DEDICATION

of our diocese to the

**Sacred Heart of Jesus**

## FRIDAY | JUNE 12

**5 P.M.**

**Eucharistic Procession**

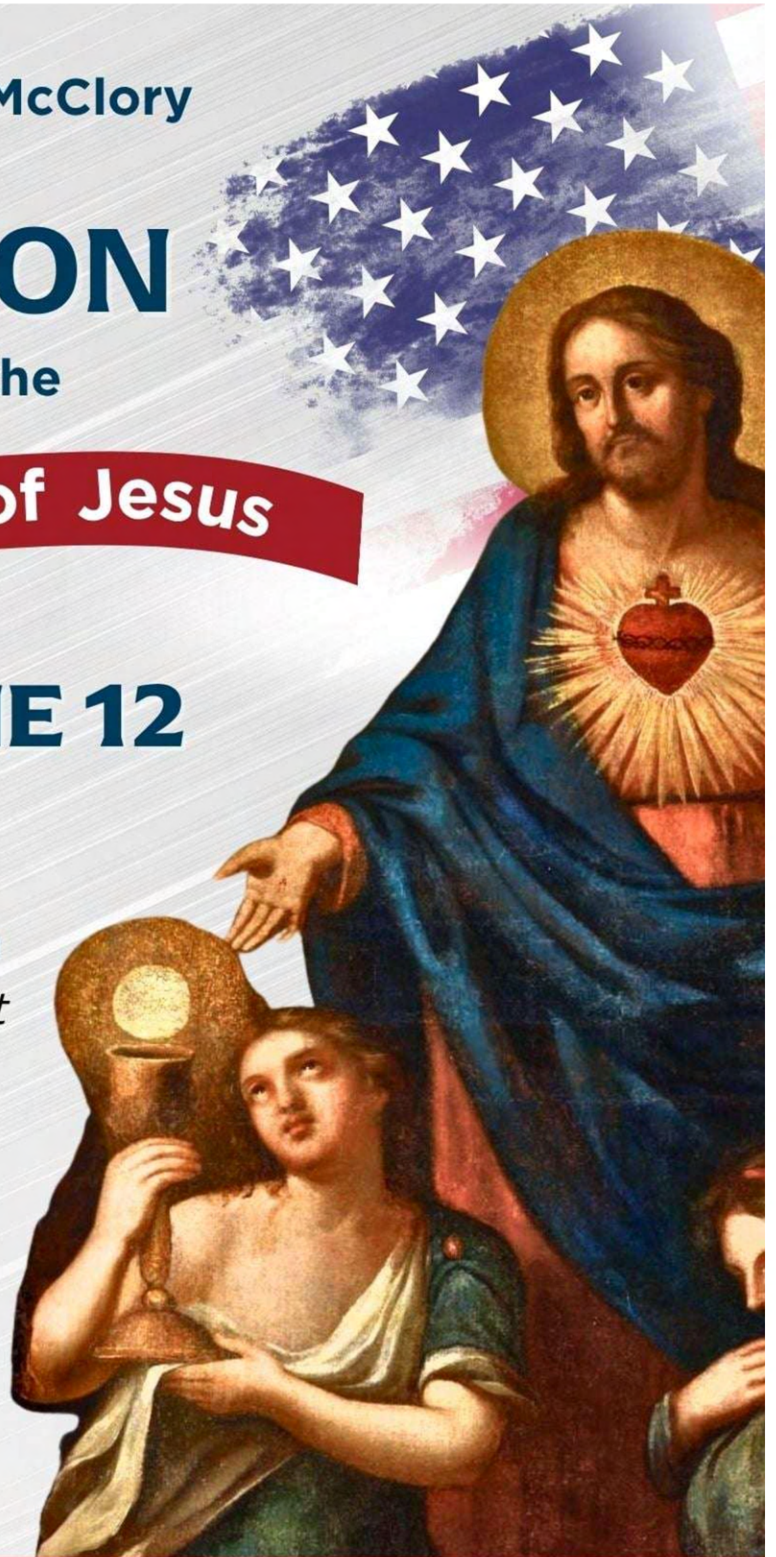
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# Lunch in the Parking Lot



**Tuesday, June 9**  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



**Cathedral of the  
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and to register:**  
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## Schedule

**10 a.m.**  
Volunteer training

**11 a.m.**  
Prep Lunch

**12- 1:30 p.m.**  
Lunch

**1:30-2:30 PM:**  
Cleanup



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# Wedding Anniversary Mass

*Couples celebrating a 5 year milestone anniversary or 50+ years of marriage are invited to join Bishop McClory for a special anniversary Mass and light luncheon. Families welcome.*

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June 21st, 2026 at 11 a.m.

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## SENIOR GEMS

Our next meeting will be on June 9. We will go to Zig-E's mini golf course followed by lunch at The Olive Cafe. More details to come.



## CHAIR YOGA

There will be no Chair Yoga June 12. Meetings will resume June 19. Please call Ursula at 219-741-3276 to register.



## LABORS OF LOVE

Our next gathering will be June 16, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM in SPH.



## CENTERING PRAYER

There will be no Centering Prayer on June 8. Meetings will resume June 15.

## Stewardship

### Stewardship in Action

Donate food to the food pantry. Write your favorite bible verse and attach it to the products. Pray for the recipients.

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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 May 31, 2026**

Adult Collection - \$11,821.00  
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### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

#### SUNDAY JUNE 7

Respect Life Father's Day Card Sales, After All Masses, GS  
OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms  
Corpus Christi Mass and Procession, 11:30 AM, Church  
Corpus Christi Reception, After 11:30 AM Mass, SPH  
VBS Set Up, 3:30 PM, SPH

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

#### MONDAY JUNE 8

VBS, 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM, SPH

#### TUESDAY JUNE 9

VBS, 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM, SPH

#### WEDNESDAY JUNE 10

VBS, 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM, SPH

Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, Chapel  
Bereavement, 5:00 PM, SW Room

#### THURSDAY JUNE 11

VBS, 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM, SPH

Baptismal Prep, 6:00 PM, SW Room

#### FRIDAY JUNE 12

VBS, 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM, SPH

Bell Choir Practice, 6:00 PM, Church

#### SATURDAY JUNE 13

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

Respect Life Father's Day Card Sales, After 5:00 PM Mass, GS

#### SUNDAY JUNE 14

Respect Life Father's Day Card Sales, After All Masses, GS  
OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms  
Marian Devotions, 8:30 PM, Cemetery

# Mass Intentions and Readings

<p><b>SATURDAY JUNE 6</b>  <b>5:00 PM</b> For an End to Abortion on Demand and for a Conversion of Heart of Those Who Provide Abortions</p> <p><b>SUNDAY JUNE 7 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST</b>  <b>7:30 AM</b> +Deacon Jack Krol and Deacon Ed Gatons Diaconate Anniversary  + Eugene and Evangeline Parker</p> <p><b>9:30 AM</b> St. Michael Parish</p> <p><b>11:30 AM</b> Dianne Matthews and Family</p> <p><b>MONDAY JUNE 8</b>  <b>7:00 AM</b> +William “Billy” Frantz 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</p> <p><b>TUESDAY JUNE 9</b>  <b>7:00 AM</b> +Bill and Mary Pat Pawlicki  + Arthur Gillespie</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY JUNE 10</b>  <b>7:00 AM</b> +Alicia Magana</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY JUNE 11</b>  <b>7:00 AM</b> +Paul Van Sickle</p> <p><b>FRIDAY JUNE 12</b>  <b>7:00 AM</b> +Norma Dobrznyski</p> <p><b>SATURDAY JUNE 13</b>  <b>8:00 AM</b> +Daniel Kuzma</p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> +Lorriane and Gary “Skip” Rice, Jr.</p> <p><b>SUNDAY JUNE 14 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>7:30 AM</b> +Departed Souls in the Congregation of the Mother of Carmel</p> <p><b>9:30 AM</b> +Philip Mullaney  + Walter Zdonek  + John LaMagdeleine</p> <p><b>11:30 AM</b> St. Michael Parish</p> <p>+ indicates deceased</p>
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## The Word

*(Readings for June 14, 2026, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

<b>Reflections...</b>	<p>I. Exodus 19:2-6a</p> <p>II. Romans 5:6-11</p> <p>III. Matthew 9:36-10:8</p>	<p>Moses led the Hebrews to a new camp near Mount Sinai. God spoke to Moses and gave him a message for the people. God promised to make Israel into a special nation, His “treasured possession among all peoples,” if they would obey His commands.</p> <p>God demonstrated His love towards us in that while we were yet sinners.</p> <p>Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.</p>
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O ST. JOSEPH, DO ASSIST ME BY YOUR POWERFUL INTERCESSION, AND OBTAIN FOR ME FROM YOUR DIVINE SON ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. SO THAT, HAVING ENGAGED HERE BELOW YOUR HEAVENLY POWER, I MAY OFFER MY THANKSGIVING AND HOMAGE TO THE MOST LOVING OF FATHERS.

O ST. JOSEPH, I NEVER WEARY OF CONTEMPLATING YOU, AND JESUS ASLEEP IN YOUR ARMS; I DARE NOT APPROACH WHILE HE REPOSES NEAR YOUR HEART. PRESS HIM CLOSE IN MY NAME AND KISS HIS FINE HEAD FOR ME AND ASK HIM TO RETURN THE KISS WHEN I DRAW MY DYING BREATH. ST. JOSEPH, PATRON OF DEPARTING SOULS, PRAY FOR ME. AMEN.

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