

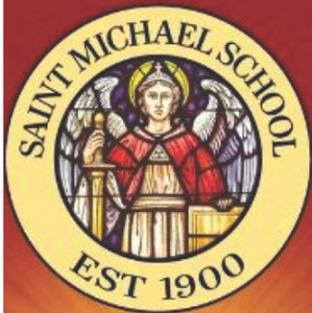
Welcome to St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Community

# Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

*Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."*

*Matthew 17:9*



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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

1:30-4:00 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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If you are interested in participating in any of these ministries, please visit the website for Ministry Coordinator information.

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- Altar Servers
- Art & Environment
- Cross Bearers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
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- Lectors
- Liturgy Committee
- Music Ministry
- Centering Prayer Ministry
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- Sacristan
- Ministers of Care

**Education & Formation Commission**

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

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- AV Ministry
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- Stewardship

**Parish Life**

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- Comforting Chefs
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- 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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**Gateway to Heaven.** Hills, or summits, have always been places of special importance in human history. Before there were churches on hills, there were temples on hills and before that, primitive altars of sacrifice and places of sanctuary. So, it is no surprise that God reveals His most important and final revelations on two hills, Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration, and Mount Calvary, the hill of the Cross.

These two revelatory events are not disparate, but intimately connected. Tabor seems to offer a vision of heaven, and Calvary a vision of hell. In reality, Tabor is the place that defines the events to take place on Calvary. The three apostles that accompanied Jesus up to Mount Tabor wanted to hold on to that moment, to live in the glory of the heavenly vision, but this could not be. The vision of Tabor is only possible when the events on Mount Calvary are seen not as hellish but as the door to heaven.

Jesus knows what must be done to heal our willfulness. He will conform His Will to the Father's Will and drink the cup He saw before Him in the Garden of Gethsemane. Note well, that the Garden was on the "hillside" symbolically on the way to the summit of Calvary. This is done to foil Satan who tempted Him to willfulness in the desert but failed. Satan still thought he had the upper hand, the advantage that he could exploit, Jesus' humanity. But, Jesus in and through His humanity choose the opposite of despair and fear as His passion drew near. We know that He was greatly disturbed in that Garden, but He did not allow the old willful nature of His humanness to rule, rather He showed us how to hand ourselves over to the Father's plan.

The heavenly glory on the hill of Tabor was accomplished for us by the even more glorious act of Jesus being lifted up, of His own free will, on the hill of Calvary. This forever reworked what was warped by the serpent, Satan, in the other Garden long ago. The glory of this one act done by the God-Man Jesus changed everything. For those who trust in Jesus, no longer could our sufferings define us, no longer could our temptations have ultimate control over us, no longer could our end be defined by our weakness. Now, through Jesus, we could use all of our failings, our weaknesses, and even our temptations as rungs on a ladder or steps up by which we to ascend to the glory of Tabor.

**As we engage our Lenten Project to share our crosses and to offer for someone else's cross, our Lenten sacrifices, our almsgiving and acts of prayer, we proclaim the death of the Lord, until He comes again.** We proclaim that Jesus' Cross is not a hellish end, but the gateway to heavenly glory and each cross we carry is a threshold to that gateway; an invitation to allow the Father to transfigure us into the image of His Son, Jesus. By God's grace, we can be transformed as we carry our cross and help others carry theirs. Transformed from earthly glory that moths can eat and rust can destroy, to the eternal glory of incorruptibility.

**Please take a few moments in the Gathering Space and gaze upon a cross or two for which you will do some act of sacrifice, almsgiving, and/or prayer for in this coming week. Then I invite you to share that act of sacrifice, almsgiving or and/or prayer with the parish community. This is easily accomplished by following the QR code or the link in this bulletin on page 4.** Just type in what you did, for example, "Gave up lunch for 2 days" or "Offered a decade of the rosary each day" or "Gave up desserts and gave the money to the Rice Bowl" or "Made a donation to the Good Samaritans" or "Gave my time to Sojourner Truth House" or "Did my brother's/sister's chores for a week" or "Helped a schoolmate who was being picked on," etc.

The Lord knows the cross(es) for which you exercised your Lenten acts. But, it is encouraging for all of us to see those acts listed. What you share will appear on screens in the Gathering Space next week. Each week look upon a cross or two and share your Lenten scarifies that week and be encouraged for those who sacrificed for your cross too.

## 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

Thank you for your donation last week that helped Churches in over 25 countries in Central and Eastern Europe. As a parish, we collected \$4,834.08. If you missed the collection, its not too late to donate by scanning the QR Code



# 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:**



## Annual Day of Reflection

Last Saturday, St. Michael Parish Lay Ministers participated at the Annual Day of Reflection. All of our liturgical ministries were invited to gather for an inspiring presentation by our speaker, Father Steven Caraher. His talk on how to “Pray Like Pirates – A.R.R.R.” brought a meaningful perspective to prayer in our daily lives. This Lent, remember to:

Acknowledge God in all things  
Relate to Him personally and honestly  
Receive His grace and love  
Respond with faith and action



# Lenten Stations of the Cross Ministries Full Schedule

## March 6, 7:30 PM

Adult Catholic Education  
Baptismal Preparation  
Catholic Bible Study  
Faith Formation Advisory  
Marriage Preparation  
Radiate  
School and Sports Advisory

## March 13, 7:30 PM

Altar Servers  
Art & Environment  
Cross Bearers  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of Holy Communion  
Hospitality  
Lectors  
Young Adults Ministry

## March 20, 7:30 PM

Ministry of Hope & Consolation  
Parish Nurse  
Senior GEMS  
Welcoming Ministry  
Parish Gardeners  
Stewardship Committee  
Money Counters  
Home & School Association

## March 27, 7:30 PM

Music Ministry  
Catechumens/Candidates/Sponsors  
Sacristans  
Ministers of Care  
Liturgy Committee  
Young Mothers Group  
Pastoral Council

## Bell Choir

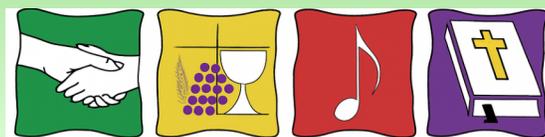
Bell choir practices are Friday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the church. Anyone 4th grade and up is welcome to join. Music knowledge a plus, but not required. Come ring out the Lord's praise! Questions can be directed to Kathleen, (219) 613-4870.

## 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.

Have you considered joining a ministry at St. Michael Parish?  
There are 32 ministries where you can use your time, talent, and  
treasure in the Name of Jesus.



# St. Michael Resurrection Choir

St. Michael Parish is forming a Resurrection Choir to sing for funerals. Members will be notified by email when a funeral is scheduled, and those who are available will come to sing and respond to the prayers of the Mass. The family chooses music from what is already known here at St. Michael, so there is no rehearsal for this choir. No prior choir experience is needed, only a willing heart. Funerals at St. Michael Parish are usually at 10:30 AM. If you are interested, please call Danette Lashbrook with your name and phone number 219-322-4505 ext. 8227.

Thank you for your willingness to be the voice of God for our families at this difficult time.

## Vietnamese Community at St. Michael



The celebration of the Vietnamese Lunar New Year took place Feb. 15 at St. Michael Parish. It was celebrated by Reverends Minh Dinh and Thien Nguyễn. This marked the second Lunar New Year Mass in our parish with the Vietnamese community.



### Stations of the Cross Ministries This Friday, March 6, at 7:30 PM

Adult Catholic Education, Baptismal Preparation, Catholic Bible Study, Faith Formation, Marriage Preparation, Radiate, School Administrators

## 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*, *Sherry Lazzaro*, Michael Young, *Susan Stern*, *Rina Testolin*, *Geraldine Heintz*, *Leo Paratore*, Sherrie Marrotta, *Tim & Helen Hazard*, *David Andwers*, 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.*



## WHEELCHAIR RAMP MINISTRY

On February 24, St. Michael Wheelchair Ramp Ministry installed its 107<sup>th</sup> Ramp for Irene Adams in Cedar Lake. This was a referral from the social workers of Franciscan Hospital in Dyer. Irene was coming home the following day, and needed an expedited installation. Pictured is ramp team member Rick Besich of Holy Name of Jesus Parish. If you want to participate in this ministry, please contact the St. Michael Parish Office at 219-322-4505. If you know anyone who may benefit from our services, please contact Catholic Charities at outreach@catholic-charities.org or call 219-886-3549 and ask for Daniela Ocanas.



For Those Who Have Died...

Mary Lou Kendys

Life has changed, not ended.



## ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL WARRIOR OF THE WEEK OLIVIA HALL

Hi, my name is Olivia Hall. I've been going to SMS for 4 years since 5th grade. I am considering either Illiana Christian or Andean for high school. Both of these schools have great sports and education programs. At Saint Michael's, I participated in volleyball and basketball. I have played volleyball since 5th grade and continue to play it in 8th grade. I have also played basketball since 5th grade, though I'm not sure if I will continue in 8th grade. In addition, I have been serving at the altar since 5th grade. Outside of school, I play softball, which I started when I was six and still enjoy today. Participating in all these activities has helped me manage my time for homework and taught me how to work well with others in team settings.

Something that makes SMS special is that everyone is nice to each other, and they help each other too. My advice to younger students is to try your best, listen to your teachers, do all your assignments, and enjoy every moment because your time there goes by super fast. The school years go by quickly, so take the time to make memories with your friends and other people. Don't be afraid to try new activities or sports. That's how you make friends, and it might help you find what you enjoy. Saint Michael's helped me grow in a lot of ways, as a friend, a student, and as a follower of Jesus. I have learned it's important to care for others and have faith, even when things are hard. The people at Saint Michael's have taught me to be nice, patient, and be strong in my life and school.

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

During Radiate's last meeting, teens identified, discussed and learned what the Bible says about anxiety and tools to help them during anxious times. They played a "trust maze" game to help them in their listening skills with each other and to practice trusting and listening to the Holy Spirit.



### Next Meeting

Sunday, March 8, 6-8 PM in the St. Amand Room.  
"Balancing Life with Faith"  
Questions? Contact Mrs. Jeannine Quigley  
219-775-5356

Congratulations to our Radiate Coed Christian Volleyball Team! They are undefeated with a record of 14-0. This is our third year in the league and it's been so much fun!



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## Parish Life

### 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 11 and March 18**, 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](mailto:gwolfe@stmichaelparish.life) to reserve your place. Reservations help ensure we have enough materials for everyone. Sessions will be held in St. Patrick Hall.

### LABORS OF LOVE

NEW TIME. Our next gathering will be on Tuesday March 3, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM, in SPH

### CENTERING PRAYER

The next Centering Prayer Meeting will be on Monday, March 2 at 6:00 PM in the SW Room.

### SENIOR GEMS

Join us for our next meeting on March 10 at 10:00 AM in the SE Room for fun and friendship.

### CHAIR YOGA

Join Us for Chair Yoga, March 6 at 8:00 AM in the St. Amand Room. Call Ursula 219-741-3276 to register.



### PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

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# Stewardship in Action

Spend time in adoration and listening to Jesus throughout Lent. Ask Jesus how you can serve Him throughout Lent.



"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.



## Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026

**\$6,707.00**

### February 22, 2026

- Adult Collection - \$15,143.00
- Children's Collection - \$121.25
- Loose Collection - \$649.44
- EFT's - \$9,130.49

### Total Weekly Offering

**\$25,044.18**

**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!

# Weekly Schedule

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

## 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

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

## MONDAY MARCH 2

Penance Service, 10:30 AM, Church  
 Centering Prayer, 6:00 PM, SW Room  
 Liturgy Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, SE Room  
 Adult Education Program, 7:00 PM, SPH

## TUESDAY MARCH 3

Good Samaritans, 11:00 AM, SE Room  
 Labors of Love, 12:00 PM, SPH  
 Faith Formation, 6:00 PM, SMS and Gym  
 Catholic Bible Study, 7:00 PM, SPH

## WEDNESDAY MARCH 4

Eucharistic Adoration, 1:30 - 4:00 PM, Chapel  
 Children's Choir, 3:30 PM, SMS Library  
 Faith Formation, 6:00 PM, SMS and Gym  
 Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, SE Room

## THURSDAY MARCH 5

School Open House, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Gym and School  
 Music Ministry Practice, 7:00 PM, Church  
 Unbound, 7:00 PM, SPH Room

## FRIDAY MARCH 6

Chair Yoga, 8:00 AM, St. Amand Room  
 Stations of the Cross, 12:00 PM and 7:30 PM, Church  
 Confirmation Retreat, 5:00 PM, SPH  
 Radiate Volleyball, 6:30 PM, Gym

## SATURDAY MARCH 7

First Saturday Devotions, After 8:00 AM Mass, Chapel  
 Confessions, 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel

## SUNDAY MARCH 8

OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms  
 Faith Formation Sunday Class, SMS and Gym, 9:30 AM  
 "Do This in Memory of Me" Mass, 11:30 AM, Church  
 Radiate, 6:00 PM, SPH



# Mass Intentions

## FOR THE WEEK



|                  |  |                 |  |
|------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>FEBRUARY 28</b>   | <b>THURSDAY</b> | <b>MARCH 5</b>   |
| 5:00 PM          | + Cathleen (Skizas) Lesniak                                | 7:00 AM         | + All Souls  |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>MARCH 1 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>                          | <b>FRIDAY</b>   | <b>MARCH 6</b>   |
| 7:30 AM          | + Kenneth Kollasch 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary             | 7:00 AM         | + Anthony Margala                                      |
| 9:30 AM          | + Norma Dobrzynski<br>+ Barbara Bosak<br>+ Paul Van Sickle | <b>SATURDAY</b> | <b>MARCH 7</b>   |
| 11:30 AM         | St. Michael Parish   | 8:00 AM         | + Shaun Watta  |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>MARCH 2</b>   | 5:00 PM         | + Walter Zdonek  |
| 7:00 AM          | + Frank Sink   | <b>SUNDAY</b>   | <b>MARCH 8 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>                      |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>MARCH 3</b>   | 7:30 AM         | St. Michael Parish                                     |
| 7:00 AM          | + Mark Saber   | 9:30 AM         | + Mela Castel  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>MARCH 4</b>   | 11:30 AM        | + Joe Hapak<br>+ Gene Wydrinski<br>+ Charles Bielefeld |
| 7:00 AM          | Tom Matz   |                 |  |
| 8:55 AM          | + Victoria Gargas  |                 | + indicates deceased                                   |

### The Word

*(Readings for March 8, 2026, Third Sunday of Lent)*

Reflections...

- I. Exodus 17:3-7      The Israelites grumbled against Moses for leading them out of Egypt. They were thirsty and there was no water in the desert, so Moses struck a rock with his staff and water flowed out for the people to drink.
- II. Romans 5:1-2, 5-8      “The love of God has poured out into our hearts,” and that love is immeasurable: “While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
- III. John 4:5-42      Jesus met a Samaritan woman at the well. She offered Him water from the well, and He, in turn, offered her the living water of eternal life. As a result, she and many others came to know Jesus is the Savior.

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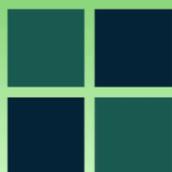


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