

A man in a white, textured robe is shown from the side, looking out a window. His hands are raised in a gesture of prayer or supplication. The window has dark metal bars. The background is a rough, textured wall. The lighting is warm and dramatic, highlighting the man's face and the texture of the robe.

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

March 15, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I WAS BLIND
AND NOW

ISEE.

— JOHN 9:25 —



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

1:30-4:00 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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Victim, Priest, & Witness. While some crosses we carry are self-made—“death spread to all men because all men sinned” (Romans 5:12)—not all crosses are the result of our sin. The man born blind isn't being punished because he or his parents sinned. He was blinded so that “the works of God might be made manifest in him” (John 9:3). The man born blind is an innocent victim; he did nothing wrong, and yet he suffered greatly. What are the things you have suffered, the crosses you carry, of which you too are an innocent victim?

We might not realize it, but there is actually a danger lurking when we are victimized. In fact, there are many dangers. When someone wrongs and hurts us, whether a small insult or a deep betrayal, there are many emotions and reactions we experience: anger, sadness, distrust, retaliation, bitterness, fear, avoidance, self-medication, isolation, unforgiveness... and the list continues. But, one of the greatest dangers we face when we are victimized is called by some the “victim identity.” When we identify with our victimization, we begin to believe that we are powerless, that fate is in the hands of others, but not ourselves, that we can never be free of the pain or oppression we face. We are—and only ever will be—a victim. Put simply, when we are a victim of suffering, it's easy to get stuck and not know how to move forward.

Jesus shows us another way. It is Jesus who, though He was the innocent victim par excellence, stated boldly before Pontius Pilot, “You would have no power over Me unless it had been given you from above” (John 19:11). Jesus recognized that power always lies in God's hands, and if for a time it seems that others have power over us, it is only because God is about to do something wonderful—that the works of God might be made manifest in us. We can point to what God is doing as His witnesses.

Long before His passion, Jesus also said, “No one takes [My life] from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again” (John 10:18). For this reason, the Church has long held the notion that Jesus wasn't just a victim, He was also a priest, one who offered the sacrifice, not just the sacrifice offered. So when we come to a cross that we didn't construct, when we begin to suffer unjustly as Jesus did, the key to a holy response is the old Catholic adage: offer it up! Many of us recoil at this trite and sometimes uncompassionate phrase (which is why I rarely say it to others—only to myself), but buried within it is the notion of priesthood. You are a victim; will you now become a priest as well? You suffer; will you offer your suffering? Doing so will give you power over an otherwise powerless situation.

Returning to the man born blind, we already established that his blindness wasn't his fault; that he was an innocent victim. But if we follow him through John's Gospel, we see that he is victimized a second time, even after his first suffering of blindness is cured (glory be to God!). Since Jesus had cured the man on a sabbath (making mud for the man's eyes was seen as “work,” thus breaking the sabbath law of rest), the man was called in for questioning. He was made to “bear witness” (which in Greek is *marturia*—where we get the word “martyr” from) to what Jesus did to him, how his eyes were opened, and what he thought of Jesus. And after hearing his faith, they cast him out. Now it's not only Jesus they wish to punish; they punish anyone who agrees with Jesus. Not only did he not do anything wrong, but he was doing something good!

Some of us have been victims of this suffering too, persecution for the sake of Jesus' name. We can call to mind the various scripture passages that remind us that we are blessed when persecuted (Matthew 5:10-11), not to follow the example of the shallow plant that was scorched in the noonday heat (Matthew 13:20-21), but rather rejoice like the Apostles, beaten for believing (Acts 5:40-41). To turn our other cheek to those who strike us is a powerful manifestation of priesthood and martyrdom without getting stuck in a victim identity (Matthew 5:39). In all our sufferings and crosses, it is important to trust and give witness to what God is powerfully doing and to unite ourselves to His mighty works.

Eucharistic Adoration



“The more we receive the Eucharist, the more we become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven”

- Saint Carlos Acutis

**Come and Spend Time with the Lord
Wednesday, 1:30 - 4:00 PM in the Chapel.**

Stations of the Cross Ministries

Friday, March 20, at 7:30 PM

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

From Your Sacristan's Desk

Reminder: During the penitential season of Lent, we do not display flowers in the church, as the worship space is meant to remain simple and reverent.



Anointing Mass

Next Saturday at 8:00 AM
in the Chapel

COMMUNAL LENTEN PROJECT 2026

TOGETHER, WE ARE STRONGER IN PRAYER.



View submissions in the Gathering Space.

- *Choose & Commit from the Lenten Display located in the Gathering Space.* Select a fellow parishioner's intention(s) and commit to an Act(s) of Sacrifice, Prayer or Almsgiving you can comfortably and faithfully do.

- *Share Your Act(s) of Sacrifice, Prayer or Almsgiving -* Submit your Weekly Action through the parish form (scan the QR CODE) or visit our website at stmichaelparish.life.

- *View our collective Acts on the Video Screens in the Gathering Space.*



Scan Here for a quick entry form.

Do You Want to be a Part of the Last Supper?

On Holy Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 PM, we will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. During the Mass we will take part in the Mandatum, the ritual washing of feet that recalls how Jesus washed the feet of His Twelve Apostles at the Last Supper as a sign of humble service and love. If you would like to partake in this event, please call or text Cheryl at 219-242-2630.



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 at 219-322-4505 ext. 8227 with your name and phone number. Thank you for your willingness to be the voice of God for families at this difficult time.



Experience the Living Stations of the Cross
Presented by the
St. Michael School
8th Graders, Wednesday,
April 1 at 6:30 PM
in the Church.

PRAY FOR THE SICK; LIFE IS PRECIOUS

Don Miniuk, Jim Morehouse, *Dave Andrews*, Sandra Walker, *Tom Matz*, *Pamela Matonovick*, Shirley Miller, *Carol Clark*, Lynn Fesenmyer, *Pat Moore*, *Sherry Lazarro*, Michael Young, Michele Roberts, *Rina Testolin*, *Geraldine Heintz*, *Leo Paratore*, Emelia Williams, Sherrie Marrotta, Jennifer Jones, *Phyllis Leyba*, *Pat Matz*, *Pam Bane*, Krista Bane, *Dennis Walker*, *Ken Anderson*, *Ruth Marie Sarros*, *George Ristich*, Soledad Salinas, Joan Hamnik, *Tim Bunchek*, Joe Kruzan, Tom Boney, *Michelle Lamb*, Gerry Scheub 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.*



For Those Who Have Died...

William Conroy

Life has changed, not ended.

Spiritual Adoption Cards and Patron Ads for Lake County Right to Life Available

Respect Life
MINISTRY



In honor of the Annunciation of the Lord on March 25, the Respect Life Ministry will be handing out free Spiritual Adoption cards after all Masses the weekend of March 21/22 in the Gathering Space.

On the cards, there is space to give the name of an unborn child you are spiritually adopting. The cards have a place for the date, which indicates the beginning of the Spiritual Adoption of an unborn child. The completion date concludes on December 25, the Nativity of Our Lord. Additionally, the cards have a prayer to be said every day for the nine months to spare the life of a baby in danger of abortion.

Also at this table, you may purchase a Patron Ad for the Lake County Right to Life Banquet to be held on April 24. There will be examples of the ad for you to view. You will be able to purchase a Silver Ad for \$20, or a Gold Ad for \$30. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

WHEELCHAIR RAMP MINISTRY COMPLETES ITS 109TH INSTALL



Members of St. Michael's Wheelchair Ramp Ministry installed their 109th ramp for Linda Zlop in Schererville, Indiana. Linda suffers with ALS (Lou Gehrig's) disease. Members from St. Michael, St. John, and Holy Name Parishes helped with this installation. This ramp was at the request of ALS United. Pictured is Linda, and her son on the ramp.

If you would like to participate in this ministry in any way, please contact the St. Michael Parish Office at 219-322-4505. If you anyone who may benefit from our services, please have them contact Catholic Charities at outreach@catholic-charities.org or call 219-886-3549 and ask for Daniela Ocanas.





ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL WARRIOR OF THE WEEK STELLA JASAITIS

Hello, I'm Stella Jasaitis, and I started attending St. Michael's School in kindergarten. I knew no one at the time, but I made many friends. I plan on going to Andean High School for their sports and classes. They have many of the sports and clubs that I have participated in. Most of the hobbies I've done are soccer, basketball, and chess. When I was younger, I was in the Girl Scouts with many of my friends. It was always fun! We even once went to the Crown Point court house and met cute dogs. To me, St. Mike's helped me make friends and gave me a lot of opportunities in sports and clubs. I learned how to play basic moves in chess, even when I didn't know how to play. I first started playing basketball in 5th grade, and I didn't know anything about playing it. We won a championship even though most of our players were beginners, and I became a point guard starter over the years. I have been playing soccer since I was two and first started playing co-ed soccer in 5th grade. I didn't realize how fun it would be playing with most of my classmates in soccer. It was fun to meet up outside of school and play a sport with everyone. We would always mess around, and sometimes when we were locked out of the soccer field, we had the choice to climb over the fence or go under it. Our shirts may have gotten dirty, but we always had fun.

For younger students, they should really participate in sports and chess clubs. It can teach them how to become more athletic and skillful. When you play chess, it may be complicated, but once you get good at it, you will have great strategies. Becoming more athletic can help you excel in different sports and exercise. Joining activities at SMS has taught how to become more social and confident. I met new people and grew more bonds. Most importantly, I got to experience the traditions at SMS. We always have a special week of dressing down, and then we have Warrior Day. Warrior Day is like a field day but with more amenities. We get Kona Ice and get to do fun activities. We always have water balloon fights and dump the extra water buckets on each other. I've grown more from SMS from classes to tests. Having challenging math and science classes helps me to push myself to excel. I always push myself to try hard and complete tasks early. I always like getting assignments done when it is assigned.

We also always went to Mass on Wednesdays, which helped strengthen my faith over the years. I heard many meaningful homilies from the different fathers I had, including Father Greg. He would often come in with his guitar and harmonica and play songs for us. We would sit on the carpet by the whiteboard, singing along to The Beatles or fun rhymes. Even though I will be moving on to high school, SMS will always hold a special place in my heart.

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

All High Schoolers are invited to join Radiate! It's a great place of support as you journey through life, becoming closer to Jesus with your peers! We can't wait to meet you!



Next Meeting: Radiate – let's get ready to have a COOKING NIGHT with Chef Jack Velasquez!

We will be making dutch babies, sweet and savory.

All High Schoolers are invited!

Sunday, March 22 in St. Patrick Hall. 6-8 PM



DO YOU LIKE TO SING? DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?

8th graders and high schoolers are invited to join us at our next Teen Choir Practice on Sunday, March 22, 5-6 PM in Church. Radiate will sing in the choir on Sunday, March 29 at the 11:30 AM Mass. Please come at 11:00 AM to warm up.

ALL ABOARD

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Faith Formation

The Sunday Faith Formation guest speaker, John Pruzin, shared his love of music and his faith with the parents. They listened to his journey and enjoyed his musical performance. The *Tamburitzans* is a show for all audiences coming up soon!




Parish Life



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This Weekend After Mass



Coffee and Donuts after all Sunday Masses in St. Patrick Hall.



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



SENIOR GEMS

Join us on Mar. 24 at 10 AM in the SE Room. We will have a short meeting to finalize plans for the rest of the spring. Afterwards, come join the fun at Bronko's for lunch followed by a movie.



CHAIR YOGA

Join us for Chair Yoga, March 20 at 8 AM in the St. Amand Room. Call Ursula 219-741-3276 to register.



CENTERING PRAYER

The next Centering Prayer Meeting will be on Monday, March 16 at 6:00 PM in the SW Room.



LABORS OF LOVE

Our next gathering will be this Tuesday, March 17, 10:00 PM - 12:00 PM, in SPH

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Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging?

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GS-Gathering Space

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March 8, 2026

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 EFT's - \$7,819.39

Total Weekly Offering
\$24,757.64

Thank you for your generosity!

THIS WEEKEND



PARISH GARDENERS

The Parish Gardening Ministry will be holding a seed sale after all the Masses this weekend in the Gathering Space. We 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!

SUNDAY MARCH 15

Coffee and Donuts, After All Masses, SPH
 Gardening Ministry Seed Sale, After All Masses, GS
 New Member Reg., After 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses, SPH
 OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms
 Pilgrimage Meeting, 1:30 PM, SPH
 Vietnamese Confessions and Mass. 5:00 PM, Church

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

MONDAY MARCH 16

Our Lady of Guadalupe Meeting, 5:30 PM, St. Amand Room
 Centering Prayer, 6:00 PM, SW Room
 Adult Education Program, 7:00 PM, SPH

TUESDAY MARCH 17

Labors of Love, 10:00 AM, SPH
 Faith Formation, 6:00 PM, SMS and Gym
 Penance Service, 7:00 PM, Church

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18

Mom's Support Group, 10:00 AM, SPH
 Stations of the Cross, 1:00 PM, Church
 Eucharistic Adoration, 1:30 - 4:00 PM, Chapel
 Children's Choir, 3:30 PM, SMS Library
 Faith Formation, 6:00 PM, SMS and Gym
 Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM, Church
 Discernment II, 7:00 PM, SPH

THURSDAY MARCH 19

Music Ministry Practice, 7:00 PM, Church
 Unbound, 7:00 PM, SPH Room

FRIDAY MARCH 20

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

SATURDAY MARCH 21

Anointing Mass, 8:00 AM, Chapel
 Marriage Prep, 8:00 AM, SW Room, St. Amand Room, SPH
 Finance Council Meeting, 9:00 AM, SE Room
 Confessions, 3:00-4:30 PM, Chapel
 Respect Life Spiritual Cards Available / Patron Ads Sales, After 5 PM Mass, GS
 Blood Pressure Screenings, After 5 PM Mass, E. Cloak Room

SUNDAY MARCH 22

Respect Life Spiritual Cards Available / Patron Ads Sales, After All Masses, GS
 Blood Pressure Screenings, After 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses, E. Cloak Room
 OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms
 Radiate Choir, 5:00 PM, Church
 Radiate, 6:00 PM, SPH



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY	MARCH 14	THURSDAY	MARCH 19 ST. JOSEPH'S DAY
5:00 PM	+ Jim E. Doppler	7:00 AM	+Norma Dobrzynski
SUNDAY	MARCH 15 4TH SUNDAY OF	8:55 AM	+John Finley
	LENT	FRIDAY	MARCH 20
7:30 AM	+Philip Mullaney	7:00 AM	+Deacon Jack Krol
9:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	SATURDAY	MARCH 21
11:30 AM	+Elizabeth Oberman +Richard A. Benak, Sr. +Charles Bielefeld	8:00 AM	+Mary Lee Thiel, 4 Yr. Anniv.
MONDAY	MARCH 16	5:00 PM	+Herbert Lemon Sr. +Mary Lemon +Herbie Lemon III
7:00 AM	+Donnabelle Bohling +Gerald and John Verdeyen +Jill Margala	SUNDAY	MARCH 22 5TH SUNDAY OF
TUESDAY	MARCH 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY		LENT
7:00 AM	+Departed Souls in the Congregation of Mother of Carmel	7:30 AM	+Jill Margala
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 18	9:30 AM	+Joanne Garcia +Patricia Christenson +Luis Colon
7:00 AM	+Paul Van Sickle	11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
			+ indicates deceased

The Word

(Readings for March 22, 2026, Fifth Sunday of Lent)

Reflections...

- I. Ezekiel 37:12-14
The Lord God told the people that soon the graves of the dead would open and they would rise. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live...says the Lord."
- II. Romans 8:8-11
"Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him." God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will raise also those in whom the spirit dwells.
- III. John 11:1-45
Lazarus died, and Jesus raised him from death. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, will live and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die."

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