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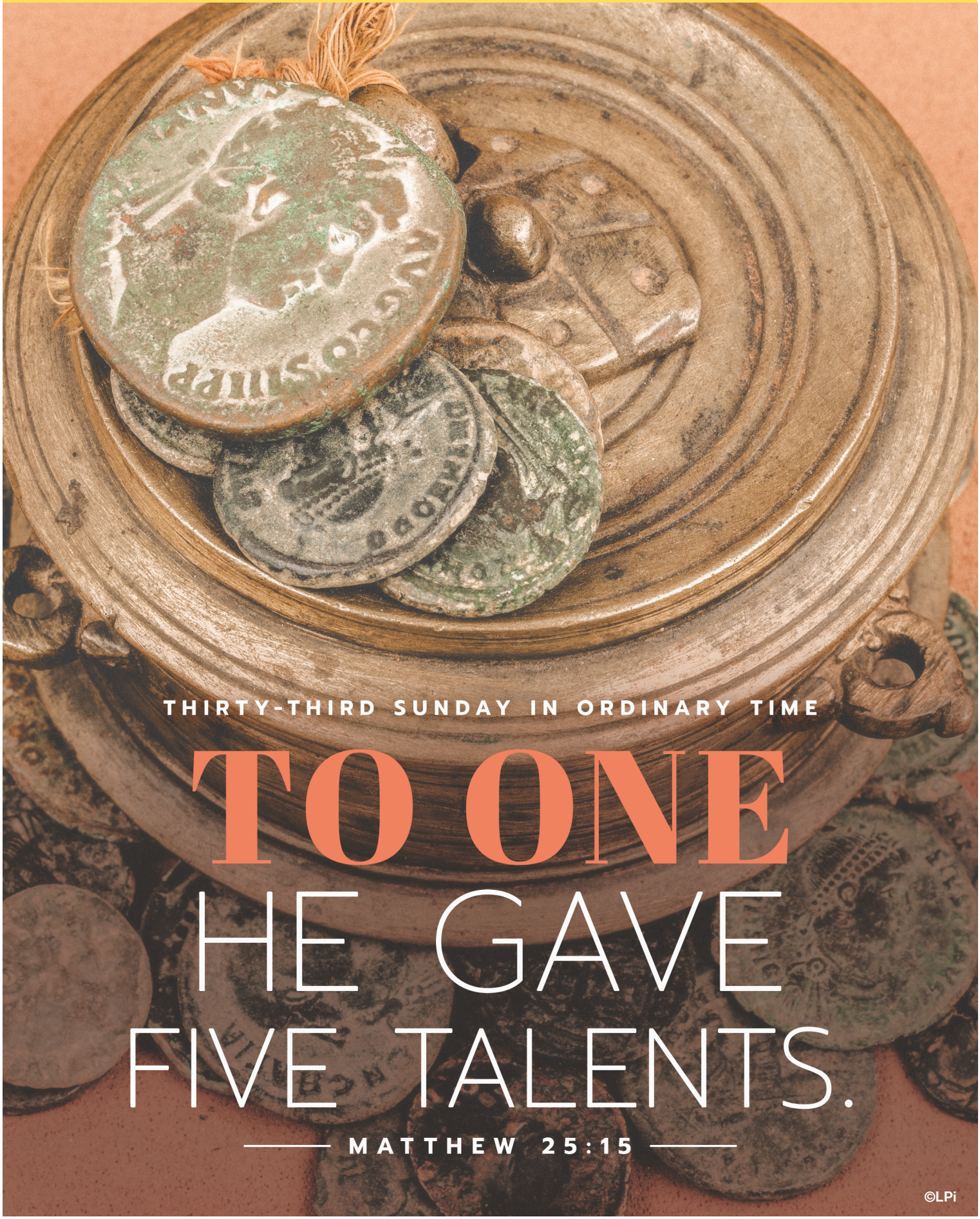

SATURDAY LITURGY
Vigil: 5:00 PM
SUNDAY LITURGY
7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM
Livestream 5:00 PM and 9:30 AM
DAILY LITURGY
Weekdays 7:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM
HOLY DAY LITURGY
See page 9 of the bulletin
CHAPEL HOURS:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Wednesdays
8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Saturday
9:00 AM-3:00 PM
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Wednesdays
1:00-4:00 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.
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From the Pastor's Desk

Paying It Forward! Every once in a while, you run across a question like this to the "Dear Abby" column in the local newspaper.

> DEAR ABBY: Would you please address again the importance of expressing gratitude via a handwritten note when a generous gift has been given?
> MISS SAYING THANK YOU IS IMPORTANT.
>
> DEAR MISS SAYING THANK YOU IS IMPORTANT: The topic of thank-you notes is one of the most common complaints I get from readers. There's no excuse for not acknowledging a gift, …. handwritten thank-you notes are the "gold standard…"

Giving expression to our gratitude beyond the verbal "thank you" reminds us to be generous with others in return. In a sense when we are given a present or invited to a dinner or party we are entrusted with a gift that goes beyond what is seen or experienced. That gift is the gift of hospitality, which is a gift of love. The best way to honor the giver of this gift is to recognize it by going out of our way a little to thank him/her. In this process, we multiply the goodwill of the original gift and increase the spirit of hospitality.

In today's Gospel story, Jesus makes it clear that we must do something with the gifts God has given each of us. Those gifts include our talents that earn us a living, as well as those special gifts we have in showing compassion to others. What have you made of the gifts that God has given you? To say "I thank God for the gifts God has given me" is not enough. It is clear that you and I must act on our thanks. We need to "pay it forward" as the saying says; we must go out of our way to give expression to our gratitude.

This alone, acting on our gratitude, increases the gift of God's love/hospitality in this world. That is why it is so crucial that you too act out your thanks to God by sharing your talents to build up God's kingdom. Every Christian is baptized to mission. As disciples of Jesus we follow in His footsteps, patterning our life after His. Thus, as Jesus said, "I have come to serve, not to be served," so too it is to be with you and me. We come in His name to serve. This is how we come to realize our salvation.

In less than two weeks we enter into Advent and prepare for the greatest gift, God Himself. Through Jesus' incarnation, taking on our flesh, we are reminded that our everyday life is intertwined with God's Presence. God takes on our flesh to redeem us from our selfishness by living for us, and thus enabling us to live a pattern of service in obedience to God's will. We who are baptized into Jesus cannot escape this reality, though at times we try.



The world has jumped to Christmas and has forgotten Thanksgiving. You and I cannot be like the rest of the world around us; we must not forget thanksgiving, not just a day, but a way of life. Paying forward what we have received in Jesus, the true Way who teaches us the real Truth so we can participate in His Divine Life, is to live a life in thanksgiving. May God's grace continue to strengthen us in this way of life.

Eucharistic Adoration

Good friends find pleasure in one another's company. Let us know pleasure in the company of our best friend, a friend who can do everything for us, a friend who loves us beyond measure. Here in the Blessed Sacrament we can talk to Him straight from the heart. -St Alphonsus de Liguori
Join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 1:00 - 4:00 PM in the Chapel.



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PRAYER TIPS *from Fr. Zach*

PRAYER IS LIKE WORKING OUT



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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2026

6:30 PM	Doors Open
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7:00 PM	Mass with Fr. Zach Glick Live Music from Mariachi Sta. Maria

A Celebration Reception to follow Mass with food, refreshments and a special performance.



Peace and Social Justice Commission

For Those Who Have Died...
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John 14:27

PRAY FOR THE SICK; LIFE IS PRECIOUS

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Let us also pray for all those in need of God's healing touch who are not mentioned on this list.

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 Parishioners are in bold, italic print.

Support the Good Samaritans Annual Food Drive

"If souls are humble, they will be moved to give thanks." St. Teresa of Avila

The annual Good Samaritan Food Drive will be at the 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass, November 26th.
We will be collecting non-perishable food donations, personal care & cleaning supplies.
The following items are needed:

Personal Care Items: shampoo, women & men's deodorant, bar soap, toothpaste & toothbrushes, cleaning supplies & paper products: dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper, all- purpose cleaners, SOS pads & kitchen cleanser.

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Should you prefer a monetary donation, envelopes are on the rack in the Narthex.
We thank you for your continual support of our ministry and may God richly bless you.
"Thank God ahead of time." Blessed Solanus Casey

Thanksgiving Baskets

Can we help?

The Good Samaritans are offering a limited number of our annual Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets to **Parishioners** in need of assistance. Please contact our voice mail at 219-322-4505 extension 8250 and leave a message with your name and contact number by **November 13**. A ministry member will return your call to explain distribution details. We are here to assist our St. Michael Parish Family.



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Let's have some fun with Food, Friends and Faith.
Bring your favorite Thanksgiving food to share:

9th & 10th graders please bring a DESSERT
11th & 12th graders please bring a SIDE DISH

Sunday, November 22 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM in St. Patrick Hall.





Exciting Things Are Happening in Faith Formation!

The Power of Prayer. Father Zach shared an inspiring presentation on the power of prayer with families participating in the Sunday Faith Formation Program. Families gathered in small groups to share meaningful ways they can incorporate prayer into their family lives and grow in faith together and bring everyone closer to God.



Do This in Memory of Me.
Our First Communion class recently celebrated their first "Do This in Memory of Me" Mass! Each child was called by name as they, along with their parents, made special promises to follow Christ. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue preparing for this blessed Sacrament!



Catch the Spirit Mass.
Confirmandi and their sponsors gathered for a special Mass, marking the beginning of their spiritual journey toward the Sacrament of Confirmation. Together, they celebrate their faith and commitment to Christ, and prepare for this important milestone in their lives.



Parish Life

This Weekend After Mass



Join your parish family for Coffee and Donuts after all Sunday Masses in St. Patrick Hall.



Blood Pressure, Glucose, and Oxygen Screenings after the 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses Sunday in the East Cloak Room.

Hand Carved Religious Figures for Sale Next Weekend



Hand-Carved olive wood religious items from the Holy Land will be available for purchase in St. Patrick Hall November 21–22, before and after all Masses.

These items are very beautiful, and they make excellent gifts for first communion, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Christmas, and school raffle donations. The profits support the Catholic Families who carved these articles in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Supporting Catholics in the Holy Land is very important at this difficult time because they are protecting the Holy Churches for all of us. Stop by and support our suffering Catholic families in the Holy Land.

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Come shop our Christmas Boutique and help us continue the work God has called us to do.

Knights of Columbus Council 12177 Upcoming Events



Become a Knight! Join Us for Our Open House

Come learn more about the Knights of Columbus! Use your God-given talents alongside like-minded Catholic men to serve others and strengthen our community. Together, our faith and commitment to service helped Council 12177 earn the prestigious Double Star Award for council programming.

Event Details: Wednesday, November 18, 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM, Saint Patrick Hall. Scan the QR Code to RSVP. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Senior Gems

The Senior Gems are not having meetings on November 24 and December 22 due to the holidays.


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Wednesday, NOVEMBER 18, 2026

7:00 – 8:30pm

At St. James Church
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As our gift to you (there is no charge), come share in…

- A speaker discussing grief and the holidays
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GS-Gathering Space SPH-St. Patrick Hall

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15
Coffee and Donuts, After All Masses, SPH
Blood Pressure Screenings, After 7:30 and 9:30 AM Mass, East Cloak Room
OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms
Lector Traning, 12:30 PM, Church
Vietnamese Confessions and Mass, 5:00 PM, Church

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

MONDAY NOVEMBER 16
Centering Prayer, 6:00 PM, SW Room

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion, After 7:00 AM Mass, Chapel
Labors of Love, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, SPH
Adult Education, 10:30 AM, SW Room

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18
Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, Chapel
Knights Open House, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, SPH

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19
Bereavement Meeting, 10:00 AM, SW Room
K of C Rosary, 6:00 PM, Chapel
K of C Business Meeting, 6:30 PM, St. Amand Room
Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 7:00 PM, SPH
Music Ministry Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, SPH

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20
Chair Yoga, 8:00 AM, St. Amand Room
Bell Choir Practice, 6:00 PM, Church

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21
Confessions, 3:30 - 4:30 PM, Chapel
Olive Wood Sales, Before and After 5:00 PM Mass, SPH

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22
Pancake Breakfast, After All Masses, SPH
Olive Wood Sales, Before and After All Masses, SPH
OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms
Radiate, 6:00 PM, St. Amand Room

Mass Intentions and Readings

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14
5:00 PM ✚Kay Parker

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
7:30 AM ✚All Souls in Carmel

9:30 AM ✚Daniel Winchell
✚Jacqueline Wallace
✚Melvin Jerome Loggins

11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

MONDAY NOVEMBER 16
7:00 AM ✚Joseph Heintz
✚Terri Wynkoop
✚Steve Shelby

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17
7:00 AM ✚Cali Blakely

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18
7:00 AM ✚Paul Van Sickle

8:55 PM ✚All Souls

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19
7:00 AM ✚Rita Pfeiffer

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20
7:00 AM ✚Charles Ensweiller

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21
8:00 AM ✚Daniel Kuzman

5:00 PM ✚Gene Wydrinski

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
7:30 AM St. Michael Parish

9:30 AM ✚Robert Keilar

11:30 AM ✚John Pavnic
✚Delores Wright
✚Joseph Heintz

✚ indicates deceased

The Word

(Readings for November 22, 2026, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)

Reflections...

I. Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 — God promises to care for His people as a loving shepherd, seeking the lost, bringing back the strayed, and healing the injured and sick. He will gather His scattered flock, provide them with rest, and judge His people with justice.

II. 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 — St. Paul proclaims that Christ's resurrection brings the promise of eternal life to all who belong to Him. Christ will reign until every opposing power, including death itself, is defeated, and God will be all in all.

III. Matthew 25:31-46 — Jesus describes the final judgment, when He will separate the righteous from the wicked as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. He teaches that acts of love and mercy toward those in need are acts of service to Him, and that our treatment of others has eternal consequences.

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 hosts, 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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