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NOVEMBER 22, 2026



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See page 9 of the bulletin
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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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Freedom is Found in God's Will. The effects of a society are inescapable. Societies are the repository for shared values and taboos. These values are sometimes in sync with the virtues of the Christian life and sometimes are not. The taboos of a society too, are sometimes in harmony with the Christian moral perspective and sometimes are not. Consequently, there is not a society in history or in existence today that is totally evil or totally true and just.



Even though our society has a belief in charity and justice it is colored most assuredly by our other societal values of extreme individualism, personal rights, winning, and a radical sense of equality that often reduces things to the lowest common denominator and leads us to assume that God sees things just like we do. So, we begin to envision God as not being capable of anger or judgment.

In the Gospel reading, God separates those who have done and do His Will from those who have chosen, in their freedom, to ignore God's message. Those condemned are condemned not by God but by their own actions, or better, lack of action.

You and I are given a choice every day to use our freedom to freely choose the Will of the one who gave us that freedom. Not to choose God's Will for us is to make a choice to accept society's will for us. Christ cannot be my King or your King if we do not give Him allegiance.

Sometimes it is easier to see the clarity of our choice when we consider society's will. To choose the will of our society is to choose the "rat race" as it is often called. It is to choose the value of competition, keeping up with the Joneses and to never be satisfied with what you have but always to look for the next big thing; the next "in" fashion or the next relationship after you tire of the present one. It is to be a slave of one's desires, which in all honesty can be quite fickle. It is to really relinquish your freedom to the "taste makers" and fleeting desires of a society that prides itself on science but ignores the evidence of science.

Reality is exchanged for perception. I am born a man but I "feel" like a woman, therefore I must be a woman even though I am born a man. Many studies over the years have clearly pointed out that living together before a marriage does not help the future marriage but rather increases the chances of divorce. Reality is trumped by perception. This is the choice when we do not choose to take on the Will of the One who in the end will call us to task for our choices.

God does forgive when we turn to Him. Yet, we must remember we cannot fool God; we cannot say we follow Him when in fact we do not or we pick and choose. Killing is wrong, yet, our society judges when life is given by setting an arbitrary border between what is in the womb and what is outside the womb? How can I judge that killing this person is OK but killing this one is not? How can I decide that this person is worthy of my assistance but judge that this other person is not worthy of my mercy? This is just human silliness. Are we to take issue with a God that judges? We now judge and do so most poorly and with great prejudice.

So, what is clear? It is clear that you and I are given the gift of freewill by the Author of true freedom. Freedom is not the removal of any boundaries but is the acceptance of the boundaries laid down by the King of the Universe. If you wish to enjoy true freedom take on the gentle yoke of Jesus for the yoke society gives is not fashioned for your ultimate comfort and will drag you down.

God gives you and me, and indeed the whole world, a lot of time to figure this out but not a one of us knows how much time that is in the end. Let us hasten then to join the sheep accepting God's Will daily asking for wisdom and patience so we do not lose heart as we live in this life looking for the Life to come.

Eucharistic Adoration



Come spend time with the Lord. Join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 1:00 - 4:00 PM in the Chapel.

Thanksgiving Mass



Thanksgiving Mass will be on November 26 at 9:00 AM in the Church. Come give thanks for the blessings God has given you.

#12 PRAYER TIPS *from Fr. Zach*

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Advent Prayer Books

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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:

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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

Respect Life Family Christmas Card Sale

As in past years the Respect Life Ministry will be selling Feast of the Holy Family Mass cards, and as we have learned from our past sales, many people want to get their Christmas cards out right after Thanksgiving so we will begin selling cards after Mass the weekend of November 28 and 29 and will continue until December 13. We will have 2 tables in the Gathering Space, one at each end until December 6. On December 13 we will be in St Patrick Hall where we will have Breakfast with St. Nicholas and Baby Jesus after all Masses. As in past years, we will be selling individual cards for $2 or cards in packs of 10 for $15.

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The Labors of Love team shared the joy of serving others at their annual Christmas Boutique. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated to support their work! Labors of Love brings warmth and comfort to others. Consider joining. All skill levels are welcome! The next gathering will be on December 1 at 10:00 AM in St. Patrick Hall.

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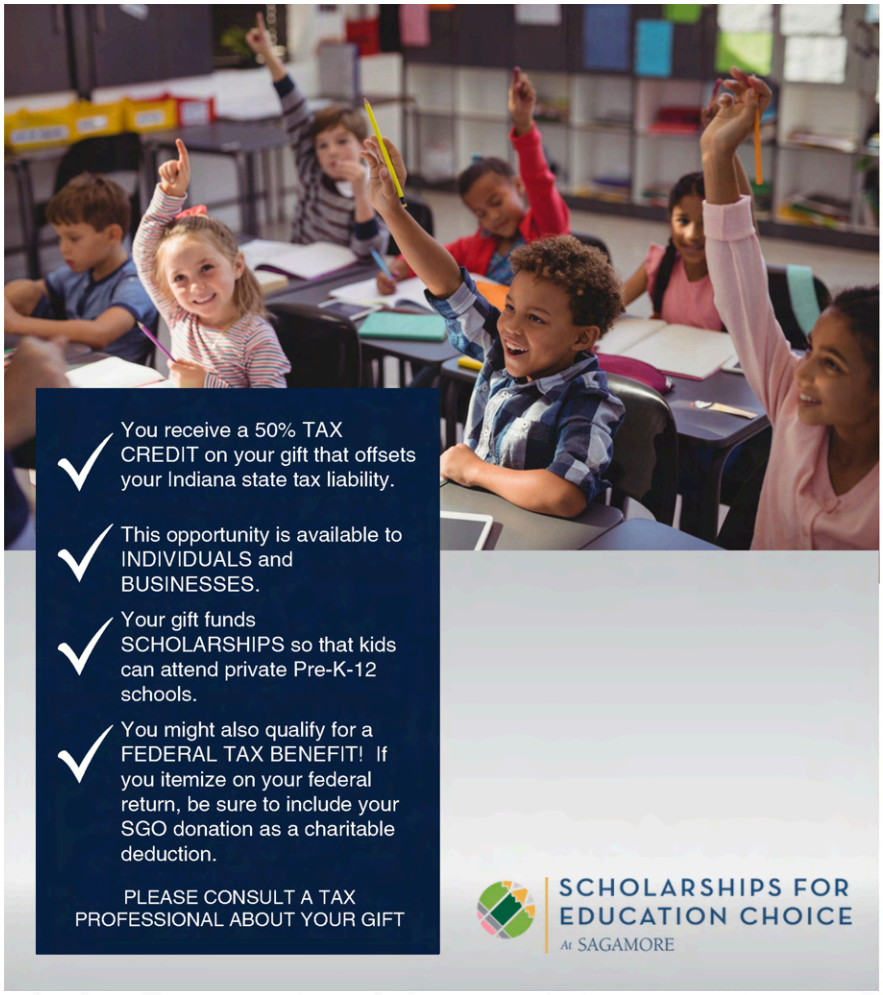
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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22
Pancake Breakfast, After All Masses, SPH
Olive Wood Sales, Before and After All Masses, SPH
OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms
Radiate, 6:00 PM, St. Amand Room

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MONDAY NOVEMBER 23
No Events Scheduled

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 24
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion, After 7:00 AM Mass, Chapel
Senior Gems Game Day, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, SPH

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25
Parish Office Closes at 12:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, Chapel

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26
Parish Office Closed
Thanksgiving Mass, 9:00 AM, Church
Music Ministry Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, SPH

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 27
Parish Office Closed

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28
Confessions, 3:30 - 4:30 PM, Chapel
Advent Little Book Sales, Before and After 5:00 PM Mass, GS
Respect Life Christmas Card Sales, After 5:00 Mass, GS

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29
Advent Little Book Sales, Before and After All Masses, GS
Respect Life Christmas Card Sales, After All Masses, GS
OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms



Mass Intentions and Readings

SATURDAY	**NOVEMBER 21**
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
MONDAY	**NOVEMBER 23**
7:00 AM	✚Rita Madson-Jones
TUESDAY	**NOVEMBER 24**
7:00 AM	✚Paul Van Sickle
WEDNESDAY	**NOVEMBER 25**
7:00 AM	✚Elizabeth Bohling ✚Andres Magana
THURSDAY	**NOVEMBER 26 THANKSGIVING**
9:00 AM	In Thanksgiving
FRIDAY	**NOVEMBER 27**
7:00 AM	✚Jim Condreva, Sr.
SATURDAY	**NOVEMBER 28**
8:00 AM	✚Levon Manning
5:00 PM	✚Jaqueline Wallace
SUNDAY	**NOVEMBER 29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
7:30 AM	✚James "Nacho" Mendoza ✚Kyle Arnold ✚Kathleen Walsh-Meers
9:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
11:30 AM	Walter Zdonek

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Reflections...

The Word

(Readings for November 29, 2026, First Sunday of Advent)

I. Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7 — Isaiah cries out to God as Father and Redeemer, asking Him to return and help His people who have wandered from His ways. He acknowledges their sins and their need for God's mercy. The reading ends with an expression of trust: we are the clay, and God is the potter who shapes us.

II. 1 Corinthians 1:3–9 — Paul gives thanks for the grace and spiritual gifts God has given the Corinthians through Jesus Christ. As they await the Lord's return, he assures them that God will strengthen them and keep them faithful. God is faithful and has called them into fellowship with his Son.

III. Mark 13:33–37 — Jesus urges his disciples to be alert and ready because they do not know when he will return. He compares this to servants entrusted with responsibilities while their master is away. His message to everyone is to remain watchful, faithfully doing the work entrusted to them.

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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