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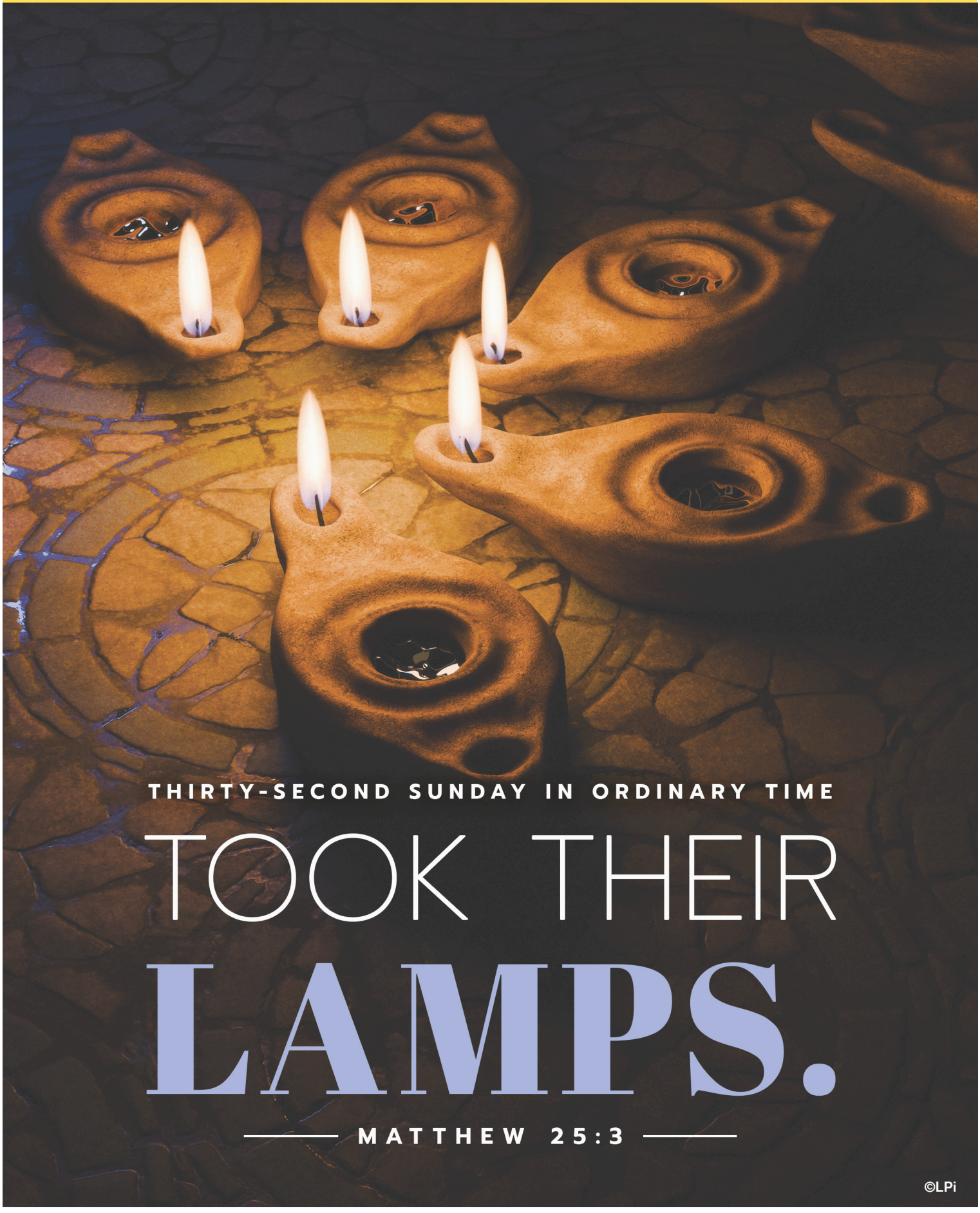
NOVEMBER 8, 2026



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.
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

When loosing something doesn't mean it's LOST! The falling leaves of November bring to mind many things. There is a type of wedding between beauty and death in this passage from one season into another. Is this a strange union? Maybe not.

Remembering our brothers and sisters who have passed from this life to the next during this month leads us to reflect on our frail nature. Even the strongest give way to death; even great football players must surrender. We have to ask: how can something so inevitable, so normal in the course of nature and so much a part of everyday existence be presented to us as an evil, indeed almost sinful? For this is how modern Western society would want us to see death. Death and the rituals that surround it are not topics for cocktail parties. This kind of avoidance of what is common to you and me does not serve us or our culture well.

The other side of this coin is how we, as followers of Jesus, approach death. It is no easier for a faithful Christian to lose someone close to him or her than it is for someone who is not Christian. Loss is loss. But for us, loss is not LOST forever. The funeral rites of the Church have organically grown out of the need for Christians to honestly deal with death, its loss and its promise. The different parts of the funeral rite -- the wake or vigil service held at the funeral home or in a church, the Funeral Mass and the interment or rite of committal at the cemetery -- lead us on a journey of remembrance of our deceased loved one and of the journey of Jesus from the Upper Room, to the hill of Calvary, to the tomb. There our faithful departed rest, as we will, waiting like Jesus did for the great Resurrection.

For you and me death brings a loss, a great loss, but all is not lost. Nothing is forgotten in the heart of God. Our memory might fade and our descendants might forget us by name. For eternal life does not rest in the fragile memories and feelings of you or me but in the eternal memory, the everlasting heart of God. Those who have passed before us have done so on the path laid down by Christ. Early on in the funeral services, at the wake, the priest/deacon turns toward the deceased (or their cremains) and prays: "Let them rest from their labors, for their good deeds go with them" (from The Order of Christian Funerals). This reminds all of us that our labors, our striving to be holy, is what prepares us for our rest in the heart of the one who loves you and me more than any love we have experienced.

St. Benedict, in his Rule of Life for his monks, gives a piece of advice that is good for all of us. He writes: "Keep death before your eyes at all times." He does not say this to depress but to remind us that our end game is not in this world with its temporary promises, pleasures and disappointments. The end for each of us is to be ready to be with God, to experience that Love which surpasses any love we might have had in this life. This must always be before our eyes. In that way we can live the example of St. Francis of Assisi who called death "Sister Death" not in some modern macabre way but truly as the one who escorts the believer to the table of God's children in heaven.

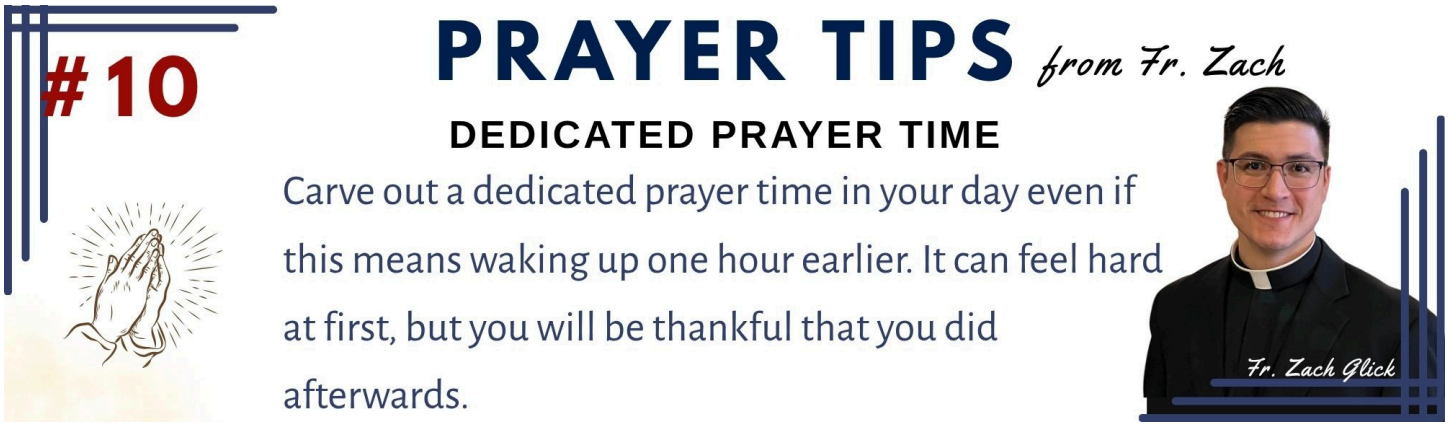


Eucharistic Adoration



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.







Centering Prayer



Join us for an hour of prayer and spiritual reflection. Deepen your relationship with God through prayer, meditation, and fellowship. The next Centering Prayer meeting is November 9 at 6:00 PM in the SW Room. Bring a friend!

PRAY FOR THE SICK; LIFE IS PRECIOUS

Bea Saldukas, ***Joe Kruzan***, ***Sherry Lazzaro***, Cindy Lyons, ***Michele Roberts***, Handley Family, JR Rohrman, ***Marilyn McKenna***, Pattie Decker, ***Dave Petersen***, ***Deb Petersen***, Kayla Doolittle, ***Margaret Girnus***, Dan Vawada, Mary E. Bann, Krista Bane, ***Mary Jo Rymarczyk***, ***Karla Lesko***, ***Allen Girnus***, ***Lynn Fesenmyer***, ***Phillip Przybylinski***, ***Audrey Weber***, ***Carol Good***, ***Joan Kuhn***, ***Tim & Helen Hazard***, ***Geraldine Heintz***, ***Rina Testolin***, ***Timothy Bunchek***, ***Tom Swanson***, ***Leo Paratore***, ***Jeannine Cary***, ***Ken Anderson***, Ruth Sarros, ***"Mick" Adamson***, Joan Hamnik, ***George Ristich***, ***Helen Kwaitkowski***, Gerry Scheub, ***Tom Matz***, Andy Manahan, Jennifer Engel, 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 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.

Food: Canned fruit, Pasta sauce, various canned soup, pork & beans, baked beans, kidney beans, chili, mixed vegetables, SpaghettiOs, black beans, canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, Manwich, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, tuna, tomato soup, various pastas, noodles, instant potatoes, pasta sides, rice sides, instant rice, macaroni and cheese, stuffing mix, hamburger helper, cereal, oatmeal, oyster crackers, cookies, pancake mix, syrup, Jello, pudding & cake mix. **PLEASE NO** energy drinks, over the counter medicines or expired foods.

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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Nancy Bocknick
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This wonderful purchase was made possible by our generous donors to the 125th School Anniversary Celebration. We extend our heartfelt thanks for your amazing support and commitment to St. Michael School and Catholic Education. Your generosity made a meaningful difference and helps us continue our mission of making a positive impact in the lives of our students.
We are truly grateful and appreciate your generosity and belief in what we do. Thank you!



Mrs. Barry's Third Grade Class



Mrs. R's Kindergarten Class

Radiate Youth Minstry Invites All High School Teens

Make lasting memories with fellow Catholic teens!
Radiate Youth Ministry recently enjoyed a trip to Hidden Creek Pumpkin Patch, and there are plenty more fun activities planned throughout the year! Come join the fun, build friendships, and grow in faith!

Our next meeting is this Sunday, November 8 in St Patrick Hall from 6:00-8:00 PM.

Topic - Saints & Souls; Faith & Science: Are they Compatible?



Next 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.

The Labors of Love Ministry Christmas Boutique is Next Weekend!

St. Patrick Hall after all Masses during Coffee & Donuts Sunday, November 15, 2026

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❤️WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU! ❤️

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

Knights of Columbus Council 12177 Upcoming Events

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.

Pancake Breakfast for the Good Samaritans



Join the Knights of Columbus and the First Catholic Ladies Slovak Association for a pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 22, 2026, after all Masses in St. Patrick Hall.

Enjoy a delicious breakfast while supporting the St. Michael Good Samaritans and their work to feed those in need, especially during this time of year!

Hand Carved Religious Figures for Sale



A beautiful collection of hand carved olive wood religious articles from the Holy Land are for sale in Saint Patrick Hall the weekend of 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.

Senior Gems Game Day

Our next meeting is November 10 at 10:00 AM in the SE Room to make plans for our holiday outings.

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Saturday, November 21, 2026

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- If you knew where you could get some answers…

…PLEASE COME!

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 18, 2026

7:00 – 8:30pm

At St. James Church
9640 Kennedy Avenue, Highland, IN
(The corner of Kennedy and 45th Street)

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- A speaker discussing grief and the holidays
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Registration is helpful to us but it is *not necessary*. You are most welcome!

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Please join us in celebrating six decades of St. Mary's tradition by supporting our 65th Annual Spaghetti Supper at St. Mary's School in Crown Point on Wednesday, November 11th! Dine-in, carry-out, and delivery will be available.

The meal comes with spaghetti (all you can eat for dine-in only,) Italian bread, salad, and dessert. Coffee, milk, and water are available for dine-in.

For tickets, delivery information, or additional questions, call St. Mary Catholic Community School at (219) 663-0676. Delivery order forms may also be requested by emailing spaghettisuppersms@gmail.com.

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HOURS:
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11:00 am - 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm.

Free delivery is available for businesses in the Crown Point area, from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Country Store and Raffle Baskets are inside the school library during dine-in hours.

Thank you in advance for your support, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Stewardship in Action

Visit a cemetery and pray for the souls of the deceased.

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GS-Gathering Space SPH-St. Patrick Hall

SUNDAY NOVMEBER 8
New Member Registration, After 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses, SPH
OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms
FF Sunday Family Class, 9:30 AM, SMS Gym
Confirmation Sponsor Formation Session, 12:30 PM
Lector Training, 11:30 AM, Church
Radiate, 6:00 PM, St. Amand Room

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

MONDAY NOVEMBER 9
Centering Prayer, 6:00 PM, SW Room
Catholic Bible Study, 7:00 PM, SPH

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion, After 7:00 AM Mass, Chapel
Senior Gems Business Meeting, 10:00 AM, SW Room
FF Classes, SMS and Gym, 6:00 PM
K of C Officers Meeting, 7:00 PM, St. Amand Room

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11
Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, Chapel
FF Classes, 6:00 PM, SMS and Gym

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12
Bereavement, 10:00 AM, SW Room
Baptismal Prep, 6:00 PM, SW Room
Music Ministry Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, SPH

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13
Chair Yoga, 8:00 AM, St. Amand Room
Respect Life Meeting, 1:30 PM, SE Room
Bell Choir Practice, 6:00 PM, Church

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14
Finance Committee, 9:00 AM, SE Room
Confessions, 3:30 - 4:30 PM, Chapel

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, Chuch

Mass Intentions and Readings

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7
5:00 PM ✚Janet Ivkovich

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
7:30 AM ✚Paul Van Sickle 1 Yr. Anniversary

9:30 AM St. Michael Parish

11:30 AM ✚Gerald and John Verdeyen
✚Jeanne Bobonick
✚Zmuda Sisters

MONDAY NOVEMBER 9
7:00 AM ✚Deacon Jack Krol

8:55 PM ✚Walter Gargas

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10
7:00 AM Intentions of the Congregation of the Mother of Carmel
✚Joanne Janowski

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11
7:00 AM ✚Richard A. Benak

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12
7:00 AM ✚Leonard Kezis

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13
7:00 AM ✚Chester Butch Dominik

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14
8:00 AM ✚Mary Bohling

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

✚ indicates deceased

The Word

(Readings for November 15, 2026, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reflections...

I.	Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31	A virtuous woman is praised for her faithfulness, generosity, and dedication to her family and those in need. Her true beauty comes from her reverence for God and the goodness of her actions.
II.	1 Thessalonians 5:1–6	St. Paul reminds us that the day of the Lord will come unexpectedly. As children of the light, we are called to remain watchful for Christ's return.
III.	Matthew 25:14–30	Jesus tells the Parable of the Talents, where servants are entrusted with their master's wealth. Those who use their gifts wisely are rewarded, reminding us to faithfully use what God has given us.
	OR	
	Matthew 25:14–15, 19–21	Jesus tells of a servant who faithfully uses the talents entrusted to him and is rewarded by his master. We are reminded that God calls us to use our gifts responsibly and faithfully.

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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