

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
OCTOBER 11, 2026

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

COME TO THE FEAST.

— MATTHEW 22:4 —





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

EUCCHARISTIC 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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Invitations. In a society that has produced the sayings: “party on!,” “party animal,” and “life is a party,” we might find it hard to believe the story we heard today in Matthew’s Gospel. How could anyone turn down an invitation to a grand party, especially to the King’s party? Most people would never reject an invitation to party with royalty unless of course we are caught by surprise with the invitation which demands our response immediately. Such a last-minute invitation can upset the balance of our schedule, demanding flexibility. In such cases we have to set aside our important tasks, we must surrender our freedom to the surprise invitation. This is exactly Matthew’s point in relaying this story told by Jesus.

In the story, notice that all the invited guests unexpectedly receive the invitation, and they are “expected” to attend. They take offense at this presumption by the King, so much so that in their anger they rebel and kill his servants. These first guests are not about to be told what to do and when to do it. It is far easier to accept an invitation that does not interrupt our schedule. Last-minute invitations, and the expectations that accompany them, can certainly get under our skin. Such spontaneity is an infringement on our “freedom.”

Some of the best parties are surprise parties. If we are expecting a gold engraved invitation from God to be dressed and ready for the party God has planned from the beginning of time, we wait in vain. Jesus was clear in His preaching that God’s celebration is already happening in the events and in the people around us.

Every time we see God in the persons we read about in the newspaper or the persons we meet during the day and treat them with the deference we would treat God, we accept God’s surprise invitation. Every time you and I are generous, when we sacrifice and trust that God will sanctify our sacrifice we embrace this King’s invitation.



God gives you and me plenty of opportunities to practice the virtue of trust; but if I see those opportunities as intrusions then I learn no more than to trust only in myself and not God’s providence. Events like the recent hurricanes or a loved one’s sickness or even our need to raise the funds to finish our church building do not happen on our individual personal schedules. They are often invitations to trust, to practice the kind of trust we will need to be able to enter into God’s heavenly feast.

The story makes it clear what will happen to us if we do not accept the invitation, the surprise of God’s call. The great news is that God’s grace, His loving presence, has already preceded the call and so you and I need to be open; trusting that the One who invites us to be generous will never let us down.

St. Michael Ministries. Have you considered joining a ministry at St. Michael Parish? There are over 32 Ministries where you can use your time, talent, and treasure in the Name of Jesus. Ministry cards from our Ministry Fair will be available in the pews for the next few weeks if you are interested in joining a ministry at St. Michael Parish!



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*

**PRAY A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AT THE
END OF YOUR TIME OF PRAYER.**



"God, I thank you for the good resolutions, affections,
and inspirations you have communicated to me
during this time of prayer."



Fr. Zach Glick

Dusters and Sweepers For Jesus

Dusters and Sweepers for Jesus will help clean the church in preparation for our weekend liturgies. Rob, our Sacristan, is currently considering Thursday mornings. Many hands make light work, so come lend a hand and help keep our Church beautiful! No experience is needed.

Catch the Spirit Mass

In Pastoral work it is always important to make Christian Families part of the process of initiation. **Confirmation** is a key moment, not only for the individual receiving the Sacrament, but also for the entire family, which should be supported in its educational role by the whole Parish Community. **This Sunday**, we will celebrate with a Mass to start a new program for such families, "**Catch the Spirit.**" At the **11:30 AM Mass**, the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and their families will begin to participate in the liturgy, through the "**Mass of Enrollment**". Each child will begin to experience "**Whole Faith Community**," which goes far beyond the day of Confirmation. This new and exciting program will help the families participate more fully in the celebration of the Liturgy!

Diocese of Gary Cursillo Retreat for Men

The Cursillo experience is a powerful three-day journey that helps illuminate your path and deepens your faith, offering a lifelong walk with Jesus through community, prayer and purpose.

Men's Weekend: November 5-8, 2026, at Camp Lawrence in Valparaiso. Contact Carol Slager, 219-765-8600, for more information. Or go to <https://www.cursillogary.com/>.



Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is a ministry that helps us quiet our hearts, become more present to God, and deepen our prayer life alongside others. All are welcome to come and experience this peaceful form of prayer.
Centering Prayer will meet on October 12 at 6:00 PM in the SW Room.

CONFERENCE '26

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Conference '26 will be at St. Michael Parish November 6-7.

Register at: dgary.org/conference-26

November 5 is the Pre-Conference Evening of Praise & Adoration.

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs), OCIA, Ministers of Care, Music Ministers, Art & Environment, Hospitality/Greeters, and Sacristans

should attend this important training and renewal opportunity. There is always more to learn about your ministry and new insights to gain into how we can better serve God and one another. Our ministers are at the heart of our Parish, and it is important that they are well trained, confident, and prepared to serve our community with faith and care. Whether you are new to your ministry or have served for many years, there is always an opportunity to learn, grow, and strengthen the way you serve!

Education and Formation

Did You Know...? Faith Formation Starts in 1st Grade!

Children 6–7 years old are enthusiastic to learn, enjoy stories, games, and are eager to connect with their peers. We create an environment that builds a warm welcoming spirit, allowing room for learning and spiritual growth. Email Kimberly Hoogeveen at khoogeveen@stmichaelparish.life for more information.

Radiate Youth Ministry Invites All High School Teens!

Join Father Zach and your fellow teens for Radiate's next meeting on October 11 from 6:00-8:00 PM in Saint Patrick Hall.

Topic: "The power of prayer: How? Why? What?"

Learn from each other and Fr. Zach on bringing prayer into our lives.

If you're a high school teen looking to grow in faith and have fun with friends, Radiate is for you!

Come to Radiate to experience Jesus with your peers through fun activities, retreats, and worship. Every aspect of Radiate will bring you closer to Jesus.



PRAY FOR THE SICK; LIFE IS PRECIOUS

Sherry Lazzaro, Ruth Oros, Handley Family, JR Rohrman, Marilyn McKenna, Dave Petersen, Deb Petersen, Michele Roberts, Margaret Girnus, Dan Vawada, Mary E. Bann, Shannon Gallas, Krista Bane, Mary Jo Rymarczyk, Shirley Lopatkiewicz, Karla Lesko, Allen Girnus, Rhonda Kelly, Lynn Fesenmyer, Phillip Przybylinski, Audrey Weber, Carol Good, Joan Kuhn, Betty & Bo Kaeser, Tim & Helen Hazard, Katherine Cullinane, Geraldine Heintz, Rina Testolin, Timothy Bunchek, Tom Swanson, Leo Paratore, Jeannine Carry, Donna Saber, Ken Anderson, Ruth Sarros, "Mick" Adamson, Charlie Bandera, 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.

Bereavement Sessions

The Ministry of Hope and Consolation will soon be having a meeting in St. Patrick Hall about Bereavement Sessions. At this time, we will choose a day and time to meet on a weekly basis for the 6 weeks of prayer and sharing that will follow. Please register by calling Janice at 219-322-4505, ext. 8241.



For Those Who Have Died...

Theodore William Usdowski
Ruth Oros

Life has changed, not ended.

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Henry James Powell
Brady Allen Peppin
Michael Carter Ebann

Parish Life

Next Weekend After Mass

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



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



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



SENIOR GEMS

Please join us for our next meeting on October 13 at 10:00 AM in the SE Room. We will have a special guest speaker, Fr. Zak, who will talk about who he is and what a Military Chaplain does. All are welcome.

LABORS OF LOVE

Our next gathering will be on October 20 from 10:00 AM -12:00 PM in SPH. Join us in making a difference for those in need as we knit, crochet, and craft items to bring warmth and comfort to others.

CHAIR YOGA

Chair Yoga will meet October 16 at 8:00 AM in the St. Amand Room. Call Ursula to register: 219-741-3276

Ticket Sales End This Weeked. Buy Yours Today!

The Music Ministry Gala: A Future Filled with Song

FEATURING: "THE SIGNAL" – A DOO WOP MINI MUSICAL WITH DEBBIE MANGIONE

Enjoy an evening of great music, delicious food and drinks, fellowship, and fun while supporting the St. Michael Music Ministry! Tickets include dinner, an open bar, access to auction items, and a musical performance by The Signal.

Tickets are available at stmichaelparish.life or by scanning the QR code. Specify your party's name at time of purchase to ensure that you sit together.

Want to become a sponsor? Contact Joe Udani at 219-765-7328

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8 PEOPLE PER TABLE**

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FRIDAY 16 06:00 PM
2026

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Support A Future Filled with Song!

Not attending the Music Ministry's A Future Filled with Song Gala? You can still support our Music Ministry while treating yourself to a great item by participating in our online silent auction! Bidding ends October 16, so don't miss your chance! Visit the Gala page under Events on our parish website, or use the link below to view the auction items and place your bids:

<https://e.givesmart.com/events/PGV/i/>

100



No Bids

Bourbon Up
\$200

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No Bids

Game Day
\$350

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No Bids

Dine with Wine
\$250

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A Seat at Fr. Marty's ...
\$800

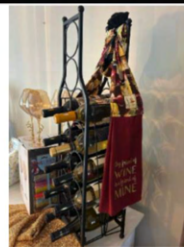
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Robbie Hansen DJ Se...
\$750

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No Bids

Wine Worth Winning...
\$350

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No Bids

Holy Mary
\$150

107



No Bids

DeepBallou Design Art
\$500

108



No Bids

Tea Party
\$150

109



No Bids

Wine with Friends
\$250

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No Bids

Wine Gathering
\$250

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No Bids

Nativity
\$90

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No Bids

Party Night!
\$180

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No Bids

Taste the Extraordina...
\$140

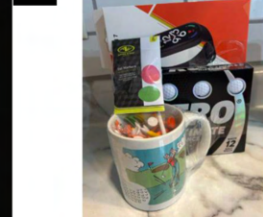
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No Bids

Jade Collection
\$150

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No Bids

Par Fore
\$120

116



Spot of Tea
\$120

117



No Bids

Getting Cozy: Comfor...
\$120

118



Pizza & Beer
\$80

119



No Bids

Earrings Galore
\$80



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Now through October, join the U.S. bishops in prayer and action to stop the spread of the abortion pill.

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Stewardship in Action

Visit and help someone who is elderly, sick, bereaved or alone. Pray with them.

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TREASURE

Sunday, October 4, 2026

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11

Grapes, Mash, and Hops IV Ticket Sales, After All Masses, GS

OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms

FF Family Class, 9:30 AM, SMS Gym

Catch the Spirit Mass, 11:30 AM, Church

Radiate, 6:00 PM, SPH

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

MONDAY OCTOBER 12

Centering Prayer, 6:00 PM, SW Room

Catholic Bible Study, 7:00 PM, SPH

Parish Council Meeting, SE Room

TUESDAY OCTOBER 13

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion, After 7:00 AM Mass, Chapel

Senior Gems Meeting, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, SE Room

FF Classes, 6:00 PM, SMS and Gym

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14

Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, Chapel

FF Classes, 6:00 PM, SMS and Gym

Festival Kickoff Meeting, 7:00 PM, SPH

THURSDAY OCTOBER 15

Foundation Meeting, 7:00 PM, SE Room

Music Ministry Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, Church

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16

Chair Yoga, 8:00 AM, St. Amand Room

Music Ministry Gala, 6:00 PM, SPH

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17

Anointing Mass, 8:00 AM, Chapel

Confession, 3:30 - 4:30 PM, Chapel

Boy Scouts Popcorn Sales, After 5:00 PM Mass, GS

Grapes, Mash, and Hops IV Ticket Sales, After 5:00 PM Mass, GS

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18

Coffee and Donuts, After All Masses, SPH

New Member Registration, After 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses, SPH

Blood Pressure Screenings, After 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses, East Cloak Room

Boy Scouts Popcorn Sales, After All Masses, GS

OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms

Vietnamese Confessions and Mass, 5:00 PM, Church

Mass Intentions and Readings

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10 5:00 PM ✙ Mary Marsh	THURSDAY OCTOBER 15 7:00 AM ✙ Jocelyn Burgess
SUNDAY OCTOBER 11 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7:30 AM ✙ Jill Margala 9:30 AM ✙ John Pavnic ✙ Arthur Janowski ✙ Jacqueline Wallace 11:30 AM St. Michael Parish	FRIDAY OCTOBER 16 7:00 AM ✙ Nancy Gordan SATURDAY OCTOBER 17 8:00 AM ✙ Deacon Jack Krol 5:00 PM ✙ Reed Mathews SUNDAY OCTOBER 18 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7:30 AM ✙ Ronald Prenizny ✙ Jose Macaya ✙ Kyle Arnold 9:30 AM St. Michael Parish 11:30 AM ✙ Elizabeth Oberman
MONDAY OCTOBER 12 7:00 AM ✙ Walter “Mac” Makarowski	
TUESDAY OCTOBER 13 7:00 AM ✙ Gerald and John Verdeyen	
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14 7:00 AM ✙ For an End to Abortion On Demand and a Conversion of Heart of Those Who Provide Abortions 8:55 AM ✙ Melvin Jerome Loggins	 ✙ indicates deceased

The Word

(Readings for October 19, 2026, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reflections...

- I. Isaiah 45:1,4-6 The Lord anointed Cyrus of Persia to subdue the nations and free Israel. God made Persia great so that everyone might know that there is no god besides the Lord God of Israel.
- II. 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b The Thessalonians believed in the gospel, lived in the Holy Spirit, and labored in love with full conviction. Paul thanked God for the faith of the Thessalonians and remembered them in prayer.
- III. Matthew 22:15-21 When some Pharisees tried to trap Jesus into saying something negative about the emperor, Jesus used a Roman coin to teach them, “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”



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 host, 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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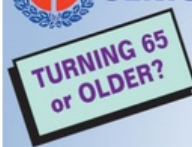
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