Welcome to St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Community

The 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 25, 2026

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37

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ST. MICHAEL PARISH
TASTING EVENT

Today is the Day!

Sunday, October 25

3pm - 6pm in St. Patrick Hall

Everyone is welcome—so grab a friend and join the fun!

We are SO CLOSE to making our new Parishioner Service Center a reality, and this is the ONE event where 100% of the proceeds go directly toward our GIFT Campaign goal!

Enjoy an incredible afternoon of food, wine, bourbon, craft beer, live music, and great fellowship, all while helping bring this important vision to life for our St. Michael Parish family. Let's get across that finish line!

Cuisine generously provided by: Gamba ristorante



Tickets- $80 each. *21 and older event*

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE
Monday prior to the Sunday printing 9:00 AM. Holidays have exceptions. Please submit potential bulletin articles by email to bulletin@stmichaelparish.life or in print form to the office or by fax to 219-322-4508.

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If you are interested in participating in any of these ministries, please visit the website for Ministry Coordinator information.
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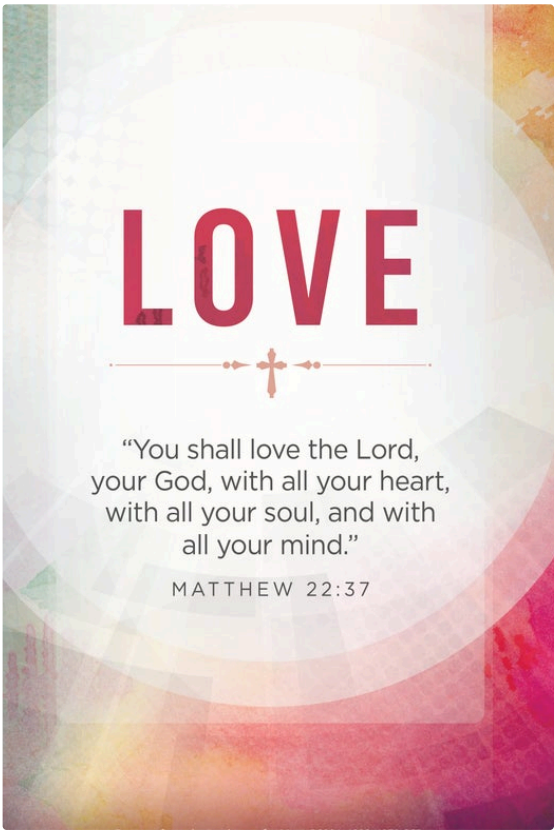
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From the Pastor's Desk

Our Central Focus. Confusion seems to reign these days; confusion about many things social and political. Trouble in our city streets, in the Middle East, in the Ukraine, worries over AI, and even in the domestic life of far too many people. Turbulence in our faith also raises our eyebrows. Some people think that the Church is not clear enough, strict enough or pious enough. Others think that the Church is too strict on some matters, unfocused on other matters and still not pious enough. There is still fear and hope swirling around the process of Synodality begun by Pope Francis and embraced by his successor, Pope Leo. So, what is most important? That everyone pray the Rosary? That everyone sing a certain style of music in only one language? That you are a serious Catholic if you belong to a Bible study group? What is most central to our Faith?

The central command Jesus gives us is to love God: to love God with all our heart, soul and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Jesus calls you and me to love God as much as we love our heart that keeps us alive. Jesus wants us to love God so deeply that we understand that our very being/soul is found only with God, in prayer. Jesus implores us to love God so much that we are eager to read and study about God and God's revelation in this world. All three are necessary but in order to have a truly balanced love of God, we must love other people as we love our very self. Jesus even ups the ante when He commands us to love one another as He has loved us.



A balanced love for God is always expressed in our actions. Thus, Jesus forever connects the two commandments into one. Loving God cannot be accomplished fully without loving our neighbor. Notice, there is no footnote to delineate who our neighbor is and who our neighbor is not. Loving our neighbor can only come when we learn to love who we are. That is why Jesus connects loving God with all our heart, mind and soul to loving ourselves. To love someone hinges on how we know someone. The more we find out about our Divine Creator the more we discover who we really are. We discover that we are the vessels of God. If our mind is united to God's in Jesus, then our heart beats with life built on the genuine love that comes from God in Jesus.

This is not some "nice idea" about love. This love is strong and terrible. Strong, in that it cannot be quenched by critics, suspicion, naysayers and prophets of doom. It is terrible, because it demands of every Christian a movement of surrender of "self" to the Will of God, which is hard to do. But, it is possible when we daily hand ourselves over to God in our work, prayer and play.

When we see God's image in us, we must see it in others too. So, what is most central to our faith? It is this journey to love God with our whole self and so to come to love ourselves as God's image and to love our neighbors as God's image. Boiled down, this means to act with mercy and charity. All of our prayers, devotions, and study must point us to this greatest command. It is essential we keep our eye on the ball, as they say. Keep our eyes fixed on Christ who shows us the way to love and give ourselves to God.

All Souls Remembrance. In your October packet of envelopes is the **ALL SOULS** envelope. Please **PRINT** the names of those you wish to be remembered during the month of November and place it in the collection or drop it at the Parish Office. Names need to be submitted to the office by October 26, 2026. All names submitted will be placed in our ***Book of the Dead*** which will be near the baptismal font throughout the month of November until Advent begins. In a letter regarding this practice, an ALL SOULS NOVENA was included. Let us pray for all the departed who are in need of our prayers as they make the purgatorial journey to true holiness and thus oneness in God.

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.

Mass of Remembrance

Join us on Monday, November 2, at 7:00 PM for our Mass of Remembrance. This special liturgy honors and remembers all the faithful departed of our parish, especially those who have passed away within the past year. During the Mass, the names of our parishioners who have passed away this year will be announced as we gather in prayerful remembrance of our loved ones.

PRAYER TIPS *from Fr. Zach*

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READ THE BIBLE EVERY DAY



Read the Bible every day, especially from the four Gospels. Become intimately familiar with the words of Jesus.





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 October 26 at 6:00 PM in the SW Room. Bring a friend!

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/.

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De Una Generacion a la Siguiente: Fieles Al Llamado

Training and Renewal for
Lectors • EMHCs • OCIA
Ministers of Care • Music Ministers
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Conference '26 will be at St. Michael Parish on November 6-7.
Register at: dcgary.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

Join Radiate Youth Ministry for Their Annual Halloween Party!



Radiate will have a Halloween party on
October 25 from 5:30 - 8:00 PM at Hidden Creek Farms
7211 W. 87th Ave, Crown Point

Pumpkin carving contest — BRING CARVING TOOLS
Dress up in a costume!
Creating scary video — BRING A FLASHLIGHT
We will be eating tacos!

RADIATE
St. Michael Youth Ministry

Last year, we had a wonderful time carving pumpkins, enjoying hayrides, and dressing up!
Take a look at some of the fun memories from this special fall gathering. Don't miss this oppurtunity!



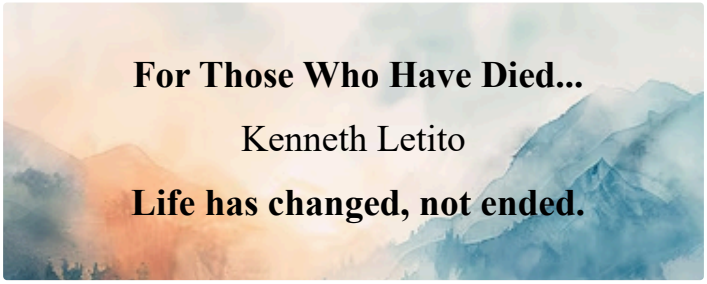




PRAY FOR THE SICK; LIFE IS PRECIOUS

Joe Kruzan, ***Sherry Lazzaro***, Cindy Lyons, ***Ruth Oros***, ***Michelle Roberts***, Handley Family, JR Rohrman, ***Marilyn McKenna***, ***Dave Petersen***, ***Deb Petersen***, ***Michele Roberts***, Kayla Doolittle, ***Margaret Girnus***, Dan Vawada, Mary E. Bann, Shannon Gallas, Krista Bane, ***Mary Jo Rymarczyk***, Shirley Lopatkiewicz, ***Karla Lesko***, ***Allen Girnus***, Rhonda Kelly, ***David Markwood***, ***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.





Join Respect Life Ministry in Opposing Abortion Pills

Respect Life Ministry supports banning the abortion pill and has expressed growing concerns about its use and availability in recent years. During October, Respect Life Month, we invite parishioners to sign up on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Website to help stop abortion pills.

You can take action to prevent the killing of babies and the hurting of women from abortion pills by signing up at: usccb.org/prolife.

After sign up, you will receive facts and resources about abortion pills to share with your community and also action alerts to pharmacies to help stop the spread of abortion pills and more!



United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED OUR ROSE SALE AND ATTENDED THE LIVING ROSARY

The Respect Life Ministry would like to thank all of you who participated in and supported our Rose Sale on Respect Life Sunday. We started with 1200 roses (200 more then last year) and sold all but 75 roses. Many of you made donations in lieu of taking roses and so we were able to use the remaining roses as part of our Living Rosary. Thanks to your participation and support (over $1,862) we will be able to continue supporting Lake County Right to Life and the Women's Care Center.

We also would like to thank everyone who attended the Living Scriptural Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction held on October 7 in the Church. Thank you to all who helped put it together by preparing the program, coordinating the music, doing the readings and preparing the Church. We also want to thank everyone who participated as a 'Live Bead'. Although we did not quite make our '60 beads', we had wonderful attendance. Although we know it was Our Blessed Mother who inspired everyone to come and participate it was really beautiful to see everyone praying together as a 'Living Bead'.

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Sunday, November 15, 2026 in St. Patrick Hall
After All Masses During Coffee & Donuts



Gospel Trekkers

Join the Gospel Trekkers Sunday November 1 and November 15 at 2:30 PM in the Church parking lot for a casual walk through local walking paths.

We will walk and talk about the Gospels for an hour of fellowship, faith, and reflection. Contact Sandra for details at sandra7743@gmail.com. All are welcome to join!



Thank You for Making Our Music Ministry Gala a Success!

The Music Ministry extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported our "A Future Filled with Song" Gala through attendance, donations, and auction participation. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their helping hands, the Good Samaritans and Respect Life Ministry for their generous donations, and Robert Hansen for volunteering his sound engineering expertise. We also thank Debbie Mangione, our former Choir Director of over 25 years, for returning with her talented band, The Signal, whose performance was enjoyed by so many parishioners. Your generosity will help maintain and improve the instruments and equipment that enrich our liturgies. Thank you, St. Michael Parish family!



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Why would someone go to Living Waters?
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Starting Nov. 4th

Queen of All Saints Legacy Center
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Michigan City, IN

Registration is required:
philomena@qas.org

Cost:
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Living Waters is a 20 week confidential, closed group for men and women 18 and older with trained leaders.

For more information about the Living Waters program, visit **desertstream.org/who-we-are**

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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.

COST
Adults - $10
Seniors (60 and up) / Vets / Kids (3-14) - $6
Children 2 and Under - Free

HOURS
Dine-in, carry out, and drive-through service:
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-inhours.

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

FCSLA Branch 81 Annual Luncheon Fundraiser

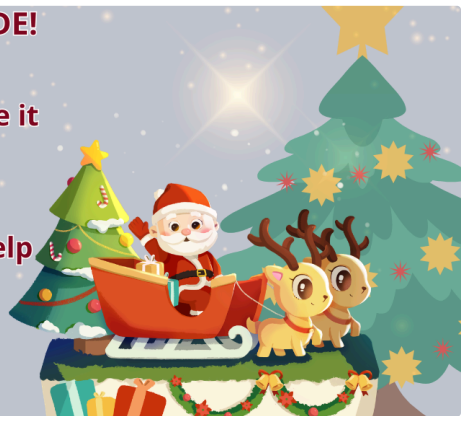
FCSLA Branch 81 invites members to attend our annual Luncheon/Fundraiser. It will be held on Sunday, November 1st, 2026 at Dynasty Banquets, 4125 Calumet Ave, Hammond, Indiana. Please bless this very worthy cause by bringing a monetary gift for a child in need. Make checks payable to DAMAR, (formerly Carmelite Home). Enjoy share the pot, basket raffles, door prizes and a delicious meal. Doors open at 12:30pm. You must RSVP to Rebecca Coleman 219-801-6665 by Sunday, October 25th, no exceptions! Cost for guests of members is $25.

ST. MICHAEL PARISH WANTS TO BE IN THE TREE LIGHTING PARADE!

We're excited about the possibility of joining the Schererville Community Parade on November 26, and we need YOUR help to make it happen!

Do you have a flatbed, trailer, or another vehicle that could help transport our enthusiastic crew along the parade route? If you can help or have an idea, we'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to Elizabeth Munoz at 219-334-8042.

Let's show Schererville what makes St. Michael Parish such a wonderful community!



Stewardship

Stewardship in Action

Do an act of kindness for a stranger or someone you do not know well.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Adult - $13,625.75
Kids - $172.75
Loose - $374.53
EFT's - $6,591.92

Total Weekly Offering
$20,764.95

Vietnamese Mass
$1,488.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Please place your Sunday donations in the towers on either side of the Church's main aisle. Collection baskets are no longer passed.

"Faithful Giving, Blessings Abound – Thank you for Your Support." To make online giving easier, please scan the QR code to donate.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

GS-Gathering Space SPH-St. Patrick Hall

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25
K of C Membership Drive, After All Masses, GS
OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms
Grapes Mash and Hops IV Event, 3:00 PM, SPH
Radiate Halloween Party, 5:30 PM, Hidden Creek Farms

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

MONDAY OCTOBER 26
Centering Prayer, 6:00 PM, SW Room
Catholic Bible Study, 7:00 PM, SPH

TUESDAY OCTOBER 27
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion, After 7:00 AM Mass, Chapel
Comforting Chefs, 9:00 AM, SE Room
Senior Gems Game Day, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, SPH
Young Adults, 6:00 PM, SE Room
Our Lady of Gaudalupe Meeeting, 6:00 PM, SE Room
FF Classes, 6:00 PM, SMS and Gym

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28
Christmas Cards, 9:00 AM, SPH
Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, Chapel
FF Classes, 6:00 PM, SMS and Gym
Festival Committee, 6:30 PM, SPH

THURSDAY OCTOBER 29
Music Ministry Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, Church

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30
Chair Yoga, 8:00 AM, St. Amand Room
Bell Choir Practice, 6:00 PM, Church

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31
Confession, 3:30 - 4:30 PM, Chapel

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1
OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms
Vietnamese Confessions and Mass, 5:00 PM, Church
Vietnamese Reception, After Mass, SPH

Mass Intentions and Readings

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24
5:00 PM ✚Mildred Wydrinski

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 AM ✚Delores Leluga

9:30 AM ✚Paul Van Sickle
✚Lourdes Lozano
✚Anna Mrdak

11:30 AM St. Micahel Parish

MONDAY OCTOBER 26
7:00 AM ✚Philip and Gerry Bruno
✚Kenny Kollasch
✚Michael and Adeline Johnson

TUESDAY OCTOBER 27
7:00 AM ✚Nick Kinzer

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28
7:00 AM ✚JoAnne Janowski

8:55 AM ✚Anne Sullivan

THURSDAY OCTOBER 29
7:00 AM ✚Cathleen (Skizas) Lesniak

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30
7:00 AM ✚Ervin Bohling

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31
8:00 AM ✚Gerald and John Verdeyen

5:00 PM ✚Norma Dobrzynski

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS' DAY
7:30 AM St. Michael Parish

9:30 AM ✚Deceased Members of the Catholic Foresters #102

11:30 AM ✚John Pavnic
✚Elena Vera
✚Delores Wright

✚ indicates deceased

Reflections...

The Word

(Readings for November 1, 2026, All Saints' Day)

I. Revelation 7:2–4, 9–14 — John sees a countless multitude from every nation praising God in heaven. The reading reminds us that salvation comes from God and eternal life awaits those who remain faithful to Him.

II. 1 John 3:1–3 — John reminds us that we are God's beloved children, called to live holy lives. Through faith and hope, we look forward to the day when we will see God as He truly is.

III. Matthew 5:1–12a — Jesus teaches the Beatitudes, promising heavenly blessings to those who live with humility, mercy, purity, and righteousness. He reminds us that true happiness comes from following God's will.

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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