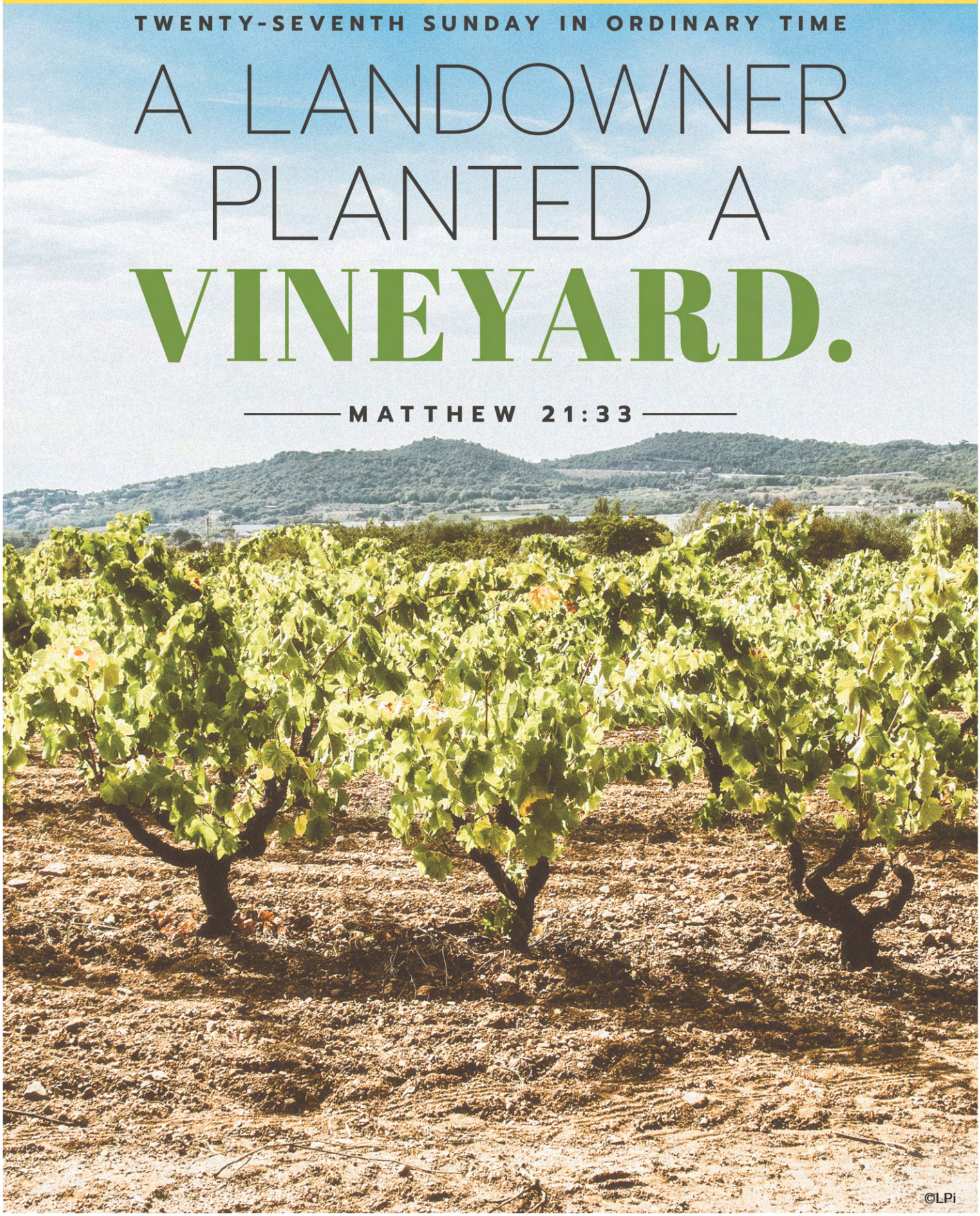
WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
OCTOBER 4, 2026



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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One step forward, two steps back. The process of gaining as many things as you want, as many experiences, objects and desires, leads to wanting more. It is a basic law of acquisition. Someone who makes six figures cannot imagine living on half of that. We all think we can use a little bit more. The basic law of acquisition is that enough is never enough and more never really satisfies.

Thus, lurching in the market and the delicacy of our economy increasingly concerns us. It is not that we should be unconcerned about the economy but that we should keep it in proper perspective. If I am attached to the material things I have and desire more; a hiccup in the market could easily lead to personal depression and loss of hope. But if I can see all I have as a gift and some of that being far more important than other parts of it, then I can keep a hold of hope. Not hope in the fluctuating markets, but hope in the One God that does not falter or devalue. This is the point of today's Gospel.

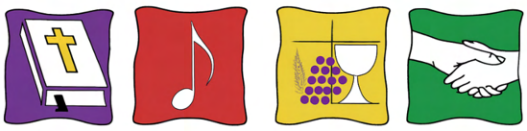
The tenants in the vineyard, presented in the Gospel today were given a generous portion of the harvest, but enough was not enough. So, to acquire more, they first beat the master's servants, killed them and then killed the son. Yet, what did they actually acquire? The master's rage. In their attempt to "have it all" (a stated goal of life these days) they lost the little they had. The law of acquisition leads to loss.

For you and me to gain so many things, we have to lose other less obvious things that root our lives with one another and within ourselves. We lose belief in strength gained from suffering, a truth that stretches far back into our common past. We lose confidence in God's providence for us assuming decisions of life and death; deciding when a child is best brought into the world or when we want to leave this world, aka "mercy killing." We lose genuine innocence as we sell our individuality to own the latest fashions in clothes, lifestyles or SUVs. We end up losing ourselves in our mad rush to acquire as much as we can.

The one with the most toys at the end does not win anything except bonus points on his/her credit card. What can you give away this week and what can you do without? Jesus implores us to use the same energy we use to acquire things to search for Him in the things we already have — our family and friends, the Holy Scripture, the gift of the Eucharist and the Liturgy, the beauty of this planet and the rugged beauty of the people who inhabit it.

That is why generosity is so essential for us to be able to grow in the Christian Life. Being generous is a challenge to trust in God's generosity. The most essential quality for a Christian to have is trust. Trust allows us to put God first. Trust allows us to care for the poor. Trust allows us to be open to God's Will. Trust allows us to sacrifice for a greater good. Trust allows us to be saved. Without trust in God's providence, salvation is impossible because we do not save ourselves.

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

"Jesus is not an idea, a sentiment, a memory! Jesus is a person, always alive and present with us! — Love Jesus present in the Eucharist." - Pope John Paul II
Wednesdays, 1 - 4 PM in the Chapel.

Final Marian Devotion

Our final Marian Devotion for the season is Sunday, October 4, at 6:15 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine. Blessed Mary, Mother of God, thank your for your intercession!

Respect Life's Annual Living Rosary

Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day is October 7. In honor of the feast and the second week of Respect Life Month, the Respect Life Ministry will host a Living Scriptural Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction on October 7 at 7:00 PM in the Church. We need 60 people to serve as "Living Beads," standing while their candle is lit without having to pray alone. If you wish to be a "Living Bead," arrive by 6:30 PM.

PRAYER TIPS *from Fr. Zach*

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PRESENCE OF GOD DURING PRAYER.

Begin every time of prayer by recalling that you are in the presence of God: "My God, I firmly believe that You are here, that You see me, that You hear me."

Resurection Choir

The St. Michael Resurrection Choir sings during funerals, comforting families with prayerful music. There is no scheduled commitment, rather you sing when you are available. If you would like to make a meaningful difference in Funeral Liturgies, consider joining the Resurrection Choir. Contact Danette at 219-322-4505 ext. 8227

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. **On Sunday, October 11th** 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.

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Art and Environment

Art and Environment will have their first meeting this year for discussing decorating the church for the seasons of Advent and Christmas on Tuesday, October 6 at 6:30 PM in the SE Room. All are welcome to come help make our church look beautiful!

Hospitality Ministry

All are welcome! At the Hospitality Ministry, we take pride in doing a good job of welcoming all parishioners with a good morning or afternoon, passing out worship aides and bulletins, and making everyone feel at home. Contact Jared Carroll 219-742-5705 to join.

Education and Formation

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation Students are back to class with smiling faces and friendships. Our 32 catechists lead the way, strengthening students' faith and instilling Catholic values.

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

Children 6–7 years old are enthusiastic to learn, enjoy stories and 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.

RADIATE
St. Michael Youth Ministry

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

Peace and Social Justice Commission

Respect Life Rose Sale This Weekend

Respect Life Sunday is this Sunday and in honor of the day, The Respect Life Ministry will be selling roses after all Masses this weekend. Please make a donation or the roses are $2 each, 6 for $10 or a dozen for $20. Proceeds help to support Lake County Right to Life and the Women's Care Center.

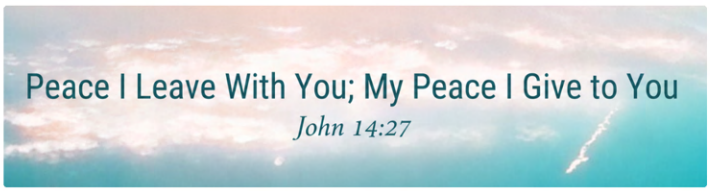
PRAY FOR THE SICK; LIFE IS PRECIOUS

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.

For Those Who Have Died...

Pam Bane

Life has changed, not ended.



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.

Parish Life

Knights of Columbus Family of the Month Award

Congratulations to Janice Gatons on receiving the Knights of Columbus Family of the Month Award!

Janice's hard work and dedication as the Pastoral Associate for St. Michael Parish do not go unnoticed. She serves in Baptismal Prep and Marriage Ministry, is a Eucharistic Minister, and prepares those getting ready to receive the Sacraments. The Knights of Columbus, and the rest of the Parish, appreciate you!

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 Chaplin does. All are welcome.

LABORS OF LOVE

Our next gathering will be on October 6 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 9 at 8:00 AM in the St. Amand Room. Call Ursula to register: 219-741-3276

CENTERING PRAYER

Centering Prayer will meet on October 5 at 6:00 PM in the SW Room.

Ticket Sales Ending October 11, 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

TICKETS: $125
8 PEOPLE PER TABLE

FRIDAY — OCTOBER 16 2026 — 06:00 PM

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Sunday, October 4, 2026 • 5:00 PM

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Parish – NORTH Campus
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Very Reverend Jayababu Nuthulapati
Fr. Dante Quidayan, RCJ
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For those who would like to contribute food or offer other support, please send a message to any of the following numbers. Thank you.

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SET 'Em Up Lanes, 135 North Broad Street, Griffith. Sunday, October 4th, 11-1pm, Food, bowling & more. Fun for the whole family! RSVP to your branch: 58-Becky Coleman 219-801-6665; 184-Lillian Zaborske 219-322-4709: 317-Agnes Chervanak 219-226-4204 348-Betty Ortiz 219-671-9278; 432-Alane Walk 219-696-6014, before Sunday, September 27th, to make your reservation.

Stop Abortion Pills!

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

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Learn more and take action to save lives:
respectlife.org/abortion-pills.

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A Special Pet Blessing

Join us for a Pet Blessing this Sunday, October 4th at 11:00 AM in front of the St. Francis of Assisi statue off Wilhelm Street. This year marks the 800th anniversary of the passing of St. Francis of Assisi, a remarkable milestone and special Jubilee Year honoring his life, faith, and lasting witness to Christ. Bring your beloved pets as we celebrate the legacy of St. Francis and ask God's blessing upon the animals that bring joy into our lives.

Stewardship

Stewardship in Action

Have no anxiety all! Please donate food and cleaning supplies to the Good Samaritans this week!

There are towers available on either side of the main aisle in church to place your Sunday donations. We no longer pass baskets for regular collections.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday, September 27, 2026
Adult Collection - $14,930.00
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

GS-Gathering Space SPH-St. Patrick Hall

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4
Respect Life Rose Sale, After All Masses, GS
Grapes, Mash, and Hops IV Ticket Sales, After All Masses, GS
OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms
Pet Blessing, 11:00 AM, St. Francis Shrine
Vietnamese Confessions and Mass, 5:00 PM, Church
Marian Devotions, 6:15 PM, Cemetery
Vietnamese Reception, 7:00 PM, SPH

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

MONDAY OCTOBER 5
Centering Prayer, 6:00 PM, SW Room
Catholic Bible Study, 7:00 PM, SPH

TUESDAY OCTOBER 6
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion, After 7:00 AM Mass, Chapel
Labors of Love, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, SPH
FF Classes, 6:00 PM, SMS and Gym
Our Lady of Guadalupe Meeting, 6:00 PM, SW Room
Art and Environment Meeting, 6:30 PM, SE Room

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7
Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, Chapel
FF Classes, 6:00 PM, SMS and Gym
Living Rosary, 7:00 PM, Church

THURSDAY OCTOBER 8
Music Ministry Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, Church
Parent Meeting for Confirmation, 7:00 PM, SPH

FRIDAY OCTOBER 9
Chair Yoga, 8:00 AM, St. Amand Room
Good Samaritans, 12:00 PM, SE Room
Respect Life Meeting, 1:30 PM, SE Room

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10
Confession, 3:30 - 4:30 PM, Chapel
Grapes, Mash, and Hops IV Ticket Sales, After 5:00 PM Mass, GS

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

Mass Intentions and Readings

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3

5:00 PM ✚Janet Ivkovich

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM ✚Cherlene Prenizny
✚John Gallas, 3 Year Anniversary
✚Kay Parker

9:30 AM St. Michael Parish

11:30 AM ✚Linda Miller

MONDAY OCTOBER 5

7:00 AM ✚Departed Souls in the Congregation of the Mother of Carmel

TUESDAY OCTOBER 6

7:00 AM ✚Ron Foutain

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7

7:00 AM ✚Charles Bielefeld

THURSDAY OCTOBER 8

7:00 AM ✚Paul Van Sickle

FRIDAY OCTOBER 9

7:00 AM ✚William "Billy" Frantz

8:55 AM ✚Mela Castel, 14 Year Anniversary

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10

8:00 AM ✚Norma Dobrzynski
✚Beverly Talluto
✚Walter Makarowski

5:00 PM ✚Mary Marsh

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

✚ indicates deceased

The Word

(Readings for October 11, 2026, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reflections...

I.	Isaiah 25:6–10a	The Lord promises a great feast for all peoples, where He will destroy death, wipe away every tear, and bring salvation to those who trust in Him.
II.	Philippians 4:12–14, 19–20	St. Paul teaches that he can endure both abundance and hardship through Christ who strengthens him, trusting that God will provide for every need.
III.	Matthew 22:1–14	Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a wedding feast where the original guests reject the king's invitation, so others are invited, while reminding them to be prepared to answer God's call.
	OR Matthew 22:1–10	Jesus tells of a king whose invited guests refuse to attend his son's wedding feast, so he sends his servants into the streets to invite everyone they find, filling the banquet hall.

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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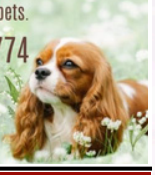

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