

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MOVED

WITH COMPASSION.

— MATTHEW 18:27 —



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

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Belonging. Who do you live for? Your spouse? Your children? Your grandchildren? Your job? The Lord? Who do you live for? That is the question that St. Paul poses to us in a roundabout way. He tells you and me that if indeed we have given ourselves over to Jesus then we need to live for Him. He says: "If we live, we live for the Lord." "If we die, we die for the Lord."

That is, if we have been baptized into Jesus, then we live for Jesus. And if we die, baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, we die for Jesus. In short, you and I belong to no one else, but Jesus. If we truly understand this, in our heart, we know that all that we do needs to reflect the mind of Jesus.

Now, the mind of Jesus was not all cotton candy and chocolate cake. It was also very challenging. Yes He forgives sinners and yes they were forgiven. But Jesus always admonishes them not to fall into the same sin again. So, Jesus is not in the pattern of a bubble gum machine, where you put in your contrition and you receive forgiveness, like a simple economic exchange. Jesus forgives, but He expects you and me to continually strive to leave those sinful attitudes, often fueled by pride, behind us. Jesus looks for us to turn around and follow Him; not receive His mercy and walk in the other direction.

In the same light, He expects us to show that same mercy He has given to us to those who have offended us as well. If we know in our hearts that we live and die, for Jesus, then it becomes clear that our forgiveness of others must be a paramount concern for each of us for our salvation.

The book of Sirach reminds us that holding on to grudges, and anger, and vengeful thoughts, will only lead you and me to suffer the judgment of the Lord. He tells us, "if one who is but flesh cherishes his wrath, who will forgive his sins?"

Peter, wishing to justify himself, asks the Lord how often he must forgive. No doubt this is a question that has crossed our minds as well. The real question is how often does God forgive you your faults and how often does He forgive me my faults? God is always ready to forgive when we seek His mercy. How can you or I deny that mercy to anyone else?

The story Jesus gives us in the gospel is both disturbing and consoling at the same time. Disturbing if indeed I find it difficult to forgive, or I am unwilling to forgive. Consoling in the fact that the Father always has mercy, the Master of all time and places always forgives.

Forgiveness does not mean that what was done is OK. It doesn't mean that the person who offended me can have permission to do it again. Yet even though they do it again, I still must forgive. What it does mean is that I have decided that I cannot make a judgment based on my experience alone. It means that I'm mature enough to understand that there are many, many things that might lead someone to behave in a way that is hurtful to me. God will be the one who will decide. My prayers for someone who has offended me will do them far more good than my ire.

Once again in the gospel, Jesus reminds us that there is an endgame; and in that endgame, it is the Master who calls the last play. It is that endgame that you and I are preparing for; we don't earn it, it's already been made possible by Jesus' act of love for us. But, we need to be ready for it. Simply put, show mercy to people in traffic, in the store, in waiting to pick your children up from school, in your dealings with fellow employees, and certainly with your spouse and your children. If we do this, we can be certain that we will be ready.



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.



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.



Marian Devotions

The next Marian Devotion is Sunday, September 20 at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine.

Join us for a night of prayer that will leave you feeling calm, refreshed and ready for a peaceful night's sleep.



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PRAYER TIPS *from Fr. Zach*

PRAY FROM THE HEART.



Speak to God honestly whatever is on your heart and mind whether it is good or difficult, profound or simple. Don't just say what you think God wants you to say. *He just wants your heart.*



Fr. Zach Glick

Catholic Bible Study: The Gospel of Mark

LAST WEEKEND TO SIGN UP

Have you always wanted to learn about the Sacred Scriptures, but didn't know where to start?
Join Catholic Bible Study!

Registration: AFTER the 5:00 PM, 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses and BEFORE 11:30 AM Mass the weekends of September 5 & 6 and September 12 & 13. Sign up for one or both sessions!

Dates: September 28 – November 9, 2026 for Part 1 and February 8 – March 8, 2027 for Part 2

Time: Monday nights 7:00 - 8:15 PM | **Place:** St. Patrick Hall

Cost: \$20 per session if we order books for you -OR- you can order your own book through Amazon or Little Rock Scripture. (www.littlerockscripture.org).

For more information call Linda Hansen 219-682-7072 or Deacon Ron Pyle 219-742-8263.

New Altar Server Training



Monday, September 21 OR Wednesday, September 23, 6:30 – 8:30 PM in the Church

If your child cannot attend either night please contact Deacon Ron or Deacon Gary. Parents, please plan on staying for the first 15 minutes for information and some paperwork. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Ron: pyleon@gmail.com or Deacon Gary: gwolfe@stmichaelparish.life



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
OUR PATRON SAINT

FEAST DAY *Celebration*



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Special Mass Celebration

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

*Donuts, Coffee & Fellowship in Hall
after every Mass.*



Eucharistic Adoration

*An afternoon of Eucharistic Adoration in
thanksgiving for the many blessings
given to us, our families, and our parish.*



Ministry Fair

Curious about the ministries at St. Michael?

*Stop by, the **MINISTRY FAIR** after all Masses, and discover where
your time, talents, and interests might connect.*

Below is a suggested schedule for adoration so you can plan accordingly.

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

*Last Names beginning with V-Z or involved in Extraordinary Ministers of
Holy Communion, Deer Creek/Story Point Ministers, Cross Bearers*

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

*Last Names beginning with S-U or involved in Finance Council, Gardener
Ministry, Good Samaritans, Knights of Columbus*

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

*Last Names beginning with P-R or involved in Ministers of Care, Ministry of
Consolation & Hope, Senior GEMS, Hospitality Ministry*

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

*Last Names beginning with M-O or involved in Faith Formation & OCIA
Catechists/Assistants/Teachers, Faith Sharing Groups, Respect Life*

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

*Last Names beginning with J-L or involved in HSA, Parish/School Advisory Board,
Sports Advisory Board, Lectors, Sacristans*

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

*Last Names beginning with G-I or involved in Festival Committee, Pastoral
Council, Labors of Love, Rebuilding Hope/Ramp Ministry Team*

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

*Last Names beginning with D-F or involved in Art & Environment Ministers,
Comforting Chefs, Money Counting Ministry, Parish Nurses*

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

*Last Names beginning with A-C or involved in Altar Servers, RADIATE, Music
Ministry, Scouts, Young Adult Ministry, AV Ministry, Young Mothers' Ministry*

Adoration will conclude with prayer and Benediction.

Sunday Dinner

**Family Dinner following for all who attend in
St. Patrick Hall. Please bring a dessert to share.**

PRAY FOR THE SICK; LIFE IS PRECIOUS

Margaret Girnus, Dan Vawada, Mary E. Bann, Shannon Gallas, *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 Hazzard*, *Katherine Cullinane*, *Geraldine Heintz*, *Rina Testolin*, *Timothy Buncek*, *Tom Swanson*, *Leo Paratore*, *Jeannine Carry*, *Donna Saber*, *Ken Anderson*, Ruth Sarros, *"Mick" Adamson*, *Marlene Townsend*, Charlie Bandera, Joan Hamnik, *George Ristich*, *Helen Kwaitkowski*, *Krista Bane*, *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.

Education and Formation

Have you ever considered teaching children the CATHOLIC FAITH?

FAITH FORMATION NEEDS YOU!

Open Position: 7th Grade Teacher on Tuesday evenings. Call us TODAY! #219-322-3077

We train all volunteers and provide user friendly text manuals to assist you.

We are so thankful for the 33 Volunteer Catechists' hard work and dedication. These Catechists share their Faith lives with the families of Faith Formation and live the example of Christ.



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

Radiate Youth Ministry is starting up again for fall 2026!

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

**2026 Calendar: St. Patrick Hall
6:00-8:00 PM**

Sunday, September 13

Sunday, October 11

Sunday, October 25 (Nowinski's Pumpkin Patch Farm)

Sunday, November 8

Sunday, November 22

S'MORES & CAMPFIRE PLANNING NIGHT



**WHAT TOPICS DO YOU
WANT THIS YEAR?**

•Sun, Sept 13 (6-8pm)

•Fr Marty's Backyard





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Friday, September 18 from 6:00 to 10:30 PM at Avalon Manor Banquet Center in Merrillville
6:00 PM - Open Bar and Appetizers | 7:00 PM - Dinner and Program.

Live and Silent Auction, Music and Dancing until 10:30 PM. \$100 per person. Priests, Religious and Deacons attend free of charge. To register, go to the Diocese of Gary Website. For more information, contact JoAnne Rosenow at 219-769-9292 or email jrosenow@dcgary.org.



SENIOR GEMS

Our next adventure is September 22. We will go to Winona Lake. Please meet at church at 9:00 AM to carpool.



CHAIR YOGA

Chair Yoga will meet on September 18 at 8:00 AM in the St. Amand Room. Please call Ursula at 219-741-3276 to register.



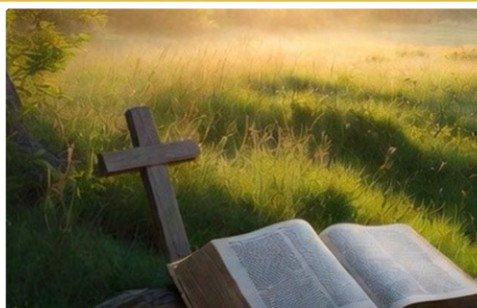
LABORS OF LOVE

Our next gathering will be on September 15 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM in SPH.



CENTERING PRAYER

Centering Prayer will meet on September 14 at 6:00 PM in the SW Room.



Gospel Trekkers

Join Deacon Gary and the Gospel Trekkers for a leisurely hike and a lively discussion on the Gospel this Sunday, September 13 at 2:30 PM. We will meet in the St. Michael Church parking lot. Contact Sandy Novak for more details at 708-737-0303.

Next Weekend After Mass

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



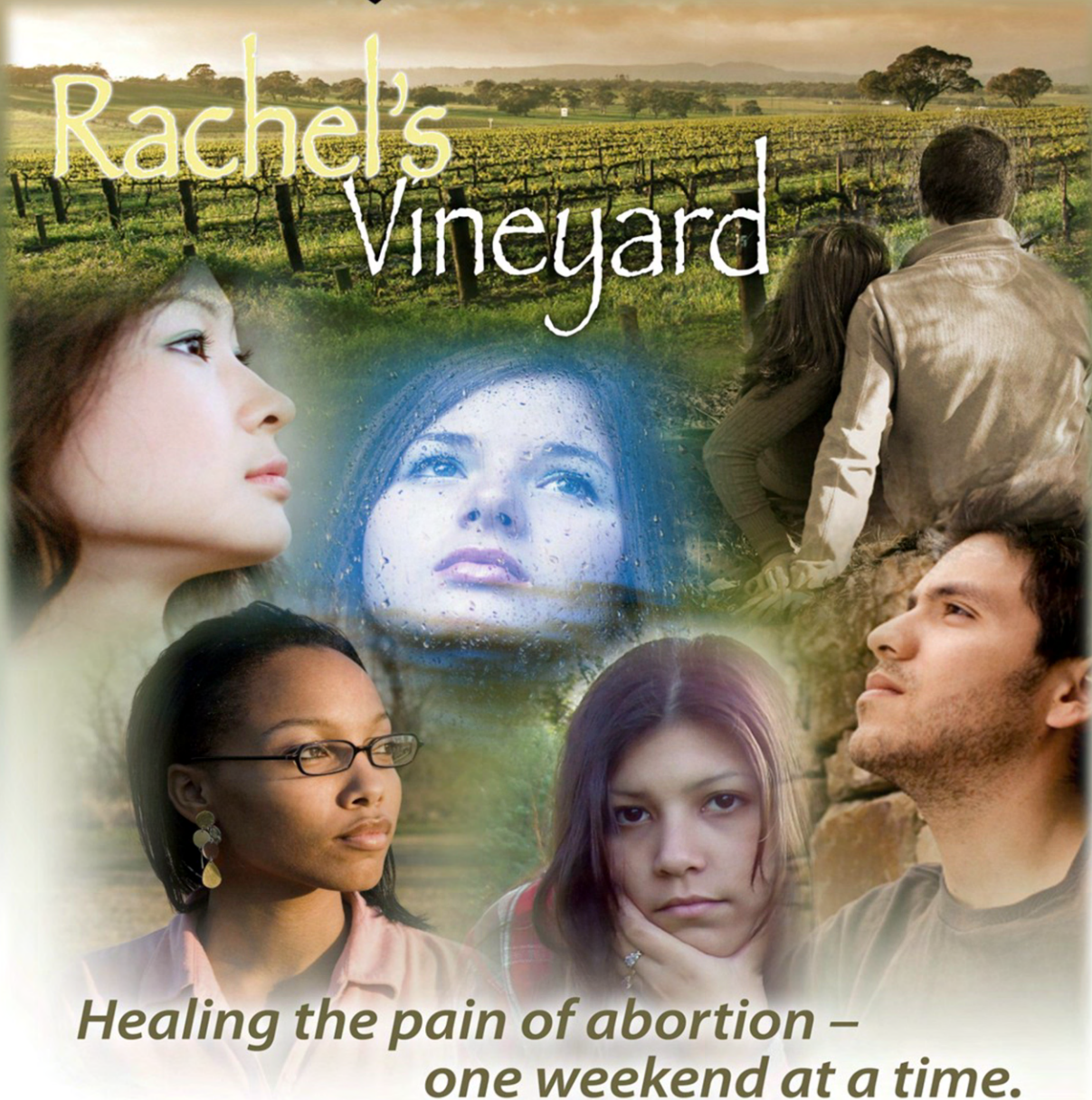
**Blood Pressure, Glucose,
and Oxygen Screenings**
available after 7:30 and
9:30 AM Masses Sunday
in the East Cloak Room.





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RESPECT LIFE

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Diocesan Prolife Meeting

Monday, September 14, 6:30 PM

Pastoral Center, 9292 Broadway, Merrillville

You are invited to attend the diocesan meeting for prolife leaders
and for those interested in helping with prolife.

Special guest speaker will be from Nightlight Christian Adoption

Join in the conversation on how to build a culture of life.

Learn about upcoming events in the diocese, parishes, and elsewhere.

Be a voice for the voiceless.

For more information call Rosanne at 219-769-9292

Monthly Sensory-Friendly Mass

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT 2 PM
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13



7113 Columbia Avenue
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What is a Sensory-Friendly Mass?

A Sensory-Friendly Mass provides a comfortable setting for children and adults with sensory challenges or any kind of disability to feel engaged and experience Mass in a meaningful way with family and caregivers.

What does a Sensory-Friendly Mass look like?

It's the Mass the Church gives us, but with dimmer lighting, readings from the children's lectionary, a brief homily, only necessary movement in the sanctuary, smaller hosts and no music or incense.

What can we do if it's difficult to focus?

Families are encouraged to bring materials that can assist with comfort during the liturgy:
noise cancelling headphones, wiggle seats, sunglasses, fidget cubes, etc.


You Serve. We Thank. God Bless.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

11:00 AM



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All Are Welcome! 

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FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY.



*Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.*

— MATTHEW 5:9



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September 20



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Sunday, September 6, 2026

Adult Collection - \$17,789.00
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\$1,445.00

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13

Catholic Bible Study Sign Up, Before and After 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses and After 11:30 AM Mass, GS
OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms
FF Sunday Family Class, 9:30 AM, SMS Gym
Radiate, 6:00 PM, St. Amand Room

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

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14

Centering Prayer, 6:00 PM, SW Room
Good Samaritans, 6:30 PM, St. Amand Room
Liturgy Committee, 7:00 PM, SE Room

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion, After 7:00 AM Mass, Chapel
Labors of Love, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, SPH
Our Lady of Guadalupe Meeting, 6:00 PM, SE Room
FF First Class Parent Orientation, 6:00 PM, SMS Gym
K of C Officers Meeting, 7:00 PM, St. Amand Room

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16

Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, Chapel
Young Adult Group, 6:00 PM, SW Room
FF First Class Parent Orientation, 6:00 PM, SMS Gym

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17

Music Ministry Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, Church

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18

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

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19

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

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20

Blood Pressure Screenings, After 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses, East Cloak Room
New Member Registration, After 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses, SPH
OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms
Vietnamese Confessions and Mass, 5:00 PM, Church
Marian Devotions, 7:00 PM, Cemetery

Mass Intentions and Readings

<u>SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16</u>	
5:00 PM	✚Janet Ivkovich	7:00 AM	✚Paul Van Sickle
<u>SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13 TWENTY-FOURTH</u>		<u>THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17</u>	
<u>SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u>		7:00 AM	✚Alice Ensweiller
7:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	<u>FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18</u>	
9:30 AM	✚Arthur and JoAnne Janowski	7:00 AM	✚Jacqueline Wallace
11:30 AM	✚Norma Dobrzynski	<u>SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19</u>	
	✚Ixtzanar Guzman	8:00 AM	✚Jill Margala
	✚Delores Wright	5:00 PM	✚Kyle Arnold
<u>MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14</u>		<u>SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20 TWENTY-FIFTH</u>	
7:00 AM	✚Mary Ann Adam	<u>SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u>	
8:55 AM	✚Jerry Krysa	7:30 AM	✚Irene Macaya
<u>TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15</u>		9:30 AM	✚Phyllis J. Hudec
7:00 AM	✚Barbara Haddad		✚John LaMagdeleine
	✚Carol Henson		✚John Porcelli
	✚Janice Barg-Edwards	11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
		✚ indicates deceased	

The Word

(Readings for September 20, 2026, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reflections

- I. Isaiah 55:6-9
Isaiah prophesied, “seek the Lord while He may be found; call Him while He is near...My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord.”
- II. Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Paul wrote, “Life is Christ and death is gain...I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.”
- III. Matthew 20:1-16a
Jesus told the parable about the vineyard owner who hired workers at different times of the day and paid them all the same amount at the end of the day. The owner concluded, “Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?” Jesus added, “The last will be first, and the first will be last.”



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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