

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LOOSED IN HEAVEN.

— MATTHEW 18:18 —





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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Love is cited over 450 times in the New Testament alone. For a word used so often there is much confusion about what it implies. The Greeks used different words to describe different kinds of love. **Agape** is love that is unconditional, self-sacrificial, and divine love. This is most commonly used in the New Testament. **Phileo** is the kind of love we would describe as “brotherly love” or the love of a deep friendship. **Storge** was used to speak about the love/devotion between family members. **Eros** refers to romantic or sexual love. Interestingly, Eros is not part of the New Testament vocabulary.

St. Paul reminds us that “Love does no evil to the neighbor.” Certainly, most people do set out to do evil. What would make one purposefully do evil, when they think they are doing good? This happens when there is a lack of Agape. You see, Agape love does not allow for ridged determination to be the overriding factor. Though one’s views might have some validity, they cannot trump the human person. Jesus, in the gospels, does have some very challenging things to say. The challenge though is always tempered with love. Agape love is the mediating factor. Not love to do simply as one wishes, that is more Eros love, but a love that looks to escort each person to accept the reality of God’s perspective.

Jesus invites us to accept the challenge to love Agape style. He prepares His apostles to ensure that this kind of love is always available after His ascension. In the Gospel we hear repeated the authority the Jesus gives to His Church. The authority to bind and to loosen. This authority is central to Jesus’ own ministry. It is this authority that allows Agape love to surpass any other kind of love. Jesus’ forgiveness of sins is rooted in Agape love and is integral to the proclamation of the Kingdom. If forgiveness is central to the Kingdom of God it would make no sense for this nucleus of Jesus’ ministry to end with His earthly-bodily presence. Rather, Jesus imparts this power to his followers, particularly the apostles to act in his name.

Thus, to forgive sins in Christ’s name is to do so as Christ intends. Christ’s intentions are made known in the scriptures and in the power He gives to His apostles, His Church. The Church acts in Christ’s name because it is the physical manifestation of Christ in the world.

The Church derives no power on its own; it comes from the Son, who obedient to the Father, bestows upon His followers the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness, then, is imparted by the Holy Spirit, but it is by necessity and Divine Will administered by Christ’s Body the Church. This is why to be reconciled is not just to some individual spiritual/mental idea about God’s mercy for me, it is concrete and is lived out in reconciliation to the Church the living body of Christ. And this happens in the Sacrament of Penance.

In addition to this you and I are called to live in the spirit of the reconciliation we have so undeservingly been given. We cannot receive this great gift and not offer it to others in our life. Not just those closest to us but even those who live half a world away. Jesus gives us this authority to be a people, His disciples, rooted in reconciliation. The reason such authority is given is for us to live lives in a constant spirit of mercy, treating friend and foe with the same equal mercy as we have received; to love Agape style.

Authority is not defined by physical power or strength but by naming what is and what is not. Authority cannot be true to its mission if it does not recognize a higher authority to which it must answer. In a democracy it might be the people, but for the people it needs to be beyond them as well. Thus, various philosophies arise, Socialism, Communism, etc.... However, for Christians it must be the Word of God made Flesh, Jesus Christ. The word of the Bible cannot be separated from the living Word of God. All recourse then must lay in the Word of God.

What Jesus gives to us, His forgiveness, we must give to others, friend and foe, otherwise we cannot be called children of God and brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus. Sometimes this may take years for someone, but you and I need to be on that road towards forgiving and not sidetracked in the road to hardness of heart.

Eucharistic Adoration

"Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity!" - Mother Teresa
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.



Ministry Profile

Meet Pam!



Pam Weslowski

Extraordinary
Minister of Holy
Communion

After moving to Schererville in 2004, Pam Weslowski spent several months searching for a church she could call home. When she attended Sunday Mass at St. Michael Parish, she found a welcoming community, a meaningful sermon, and a place that felt like home. Pam and her late husband, Jerry, who passed away in 2003, raised three children and are now grandparents to six and great-grandparents to three. After 40 years in sales in the corrugated industry, Pam retired and now works part-time at Costco, so be sure to look for her smiling face when you shop!

Her journey to becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion began when a priest asked parishioners to consider volunteering. For three weeks, she couldn't stop thinking about the invitation. Although she had served for years in Hospitality and loved welcoming people to the parish, she questioned whether she was "good enough" for this ministry.

After sharing her concerns with Fr. Marty and Deacon Gary and praying for guidance, Pam felt ready to answer the call. Today, serving the Body and Blood of Christ has deepened her faith and taught her to help others and simply love more.

Her encouragement to others is heartfelt: "Try it if you want to grow in your faith, serve your parish, love more, be happier and feel more blessed than you have ever been."

Marian Devotions

The next Marian Devotion is this Sunday,
September 6 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.



THERE'S STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE DIOCESE OF GARY CURSILLO

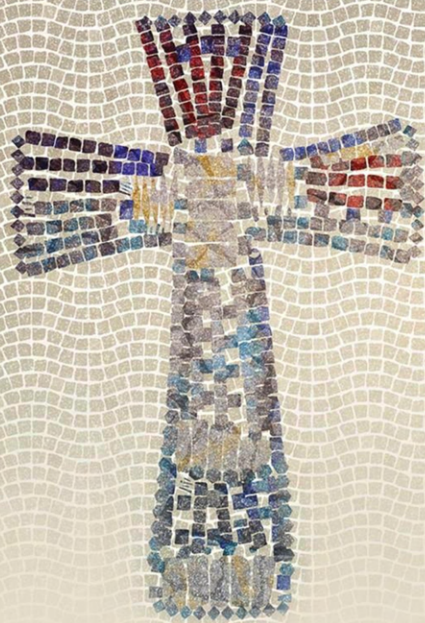
The Cursillo experience is a powerful three-day journey that helps illuminate your path and deepens your faith, offering a lifelong walk with Jesus through community, prayer and purpose.

Women's Weekend: September 10-13, 2026, at Camp Lawrence in Valparaiso. Contact Carol Slager, 219-765-8600, for more information. Or go to <https://www.cursillogary.com/>.



Music Ministry Adult Choir Starting Regular Rehearsals

Want to make a difference with your musical gifts? There is no better place to share your talents than in church. No previous musical experience is required to sing, only a willingness to train your voice and grow together in learning the songs we sing at St. Michael. Music Ministry is also seeking skilled instrumentalists. Rehearsals are starting up again at 7:00 PM on Thursdays in the Church. Enter through the east Chapel door. Questions can be directed to Danette Lashbrook at 219-322-4505 ext. 8227 or Joe Udani at 219-765-7238



New Altar Server Training

Monday, September 21, 2026

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

6:30 – 8:30 pm in church

(Only need to attend one)

*(If your child cannot attend either night
please contact Deacon Ron or Gary)*

*Parents, please plan on
staying for the first 15
minutes for information
and some paperwork.*



Any questions please contact
Deacon Ron or Deacon Gary

pyleron@gmail.com gwolfe@stmichaelparish.life

St. Michael Feast Day Sunday, September 27, 2026 Adoration Schedule

As we celebrate our patron's feast, St. Michael the Archangel, it is fitting for us to spend some time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body in Eucharistic Adoration. During the afternoon, the Blessed Sacrament must never be left without parishioners being present to adore our Lord. To facilitate our attendance the suggested schedule is given below.

12:30 PM-1:00 PM: Last Names ending in V-Z and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Deer Creek/Story Point Ministers, Cross Bearers

1:00 PM -1:30 PM: Last Names ending in S-U and Finance Council, Gardener Ministry, Good Samaritans, Knights of Columbus

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM: Last Names ending in P-R and Ministers of Care, Ministry of Consolation & Hope, Senior GEMS, Hospitality Ministry

2:00 PM -2:30 PM: Last Names ending in M-O and Faith Formation & OCIA Catechists/Assistants, Teachers, Faith Sharing Groups, Respect Life

2:30 PM -3:00 PM: Last Names ending in J-L and HSA, Parish/School Advisory Board, Sports Advisory Board, Lectors, Sacristans

3:00 PM -3:30 PM: Last Names ending in G-I and Festival Committee, Pastoral Council, Labors of Love, Rebuilding Hope/Ramp Ministry Team

3:30 PM -4:00 PM: Last Names ending in D-F and Art & Entertainment Ministers, Comforting Chefs, Money Counting Ministry, Parish Nurses

4:00 PM -4:30 PM: Last Names ending in A-C and Altar Servers, RADIATE, Music Ministry, Scouts, Young Adult Ministry, AV Ministry, Young Moms



Ministry Fair

On the weekend of the St. Michael Feast day we will have our Ministry Fair after all masses. The Parish will have over 32 ministries represented in St. Patrick Hall after each Mass, along with our Donut Sunday. We hope everyone will take time to check out our wonderful ministries and consider signing up for one or a few of them. Each of us has unique talents that we can use to serve others.

Catholic Bible Study: The Gospel of Mark

Have you always wanted to learn about the Sacred Scriptures, but you didn't know where to start? Join Catholic Bible Study! This year we will be studying the Gospel of Mark.

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.

PRAY FOR THE SICK; LIFE IS PRECIOUS

Shannon Gallas, *Mary Jo Rymarczyk*, Shirley Lopatkiewicz, *Karla Lesko*, *Allen Girnus*, Rhonda Kelly, Lynn Fesenmyer, *Audrey Weber*, *Carol Good*, *Katherine Cullinane*, *Geraldine Heintz*, *Rina Testolin*, *Timothy Bunchek*, *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.

For Those Who Have Died...

Connie Hernandez

Life has changed, not ended.

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Sawyer James Prtichett

Remo Edward Banshak

Education and Formation

Radiate Youth Ministry Invites All High School Teens

Radiate Youth Ministry is starting up again for fall 2026!

Come to Radiate meetings to experience Jesus with your peers through fun activities, retreats, and worship. All activities will bring you closer to God as you immerse yourself in a group of Catholic centered individuals.

S'MORES & CAMPFIRE PLANNING NIGHT



WHAT TOPICS DO YOU WANT THIS YEAR?

- Sun, Sept 13 (6-8pm)
- Fr Marty's Backyard



2026 CALENDAR

Sun, Sept 13

Sun, Oct 11

Sun, Oct 25
(Nowinski's Pumpkin Patch Farm)

Sun, Nov 8

Sun, Nov 22

Gather in St Patrick's Hall 6-8pm

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Sunday, October 25
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Diocese of Gary Black Tie | White Collar Gala

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 meeting is September 8 at 10:00 AM in the SE Room. Our fun upcoming activities will be discussed.



CHAIR YOGA

Chair Yoga will meet on September 11 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 not meet on Monday, September 7 due to Labor Day.

Gospel Trekkers

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



RESPECT LIFE

Building a culture that cherishes
and protects every human 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



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219-552-2944 or nwinrv@outlook.com

For more information, go to www.helpafterabortion.net

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with

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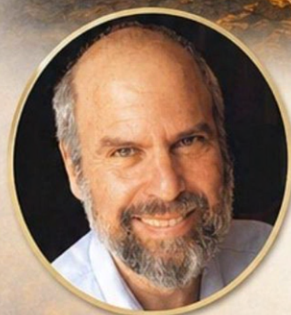


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GUEST SPEAKER
ROY SCHOEMAN

1ST TALK 11:00AM

*"My Conversion from
Jewish Harvard Professor
to Catholic Evangelist"*

2ND TALK 2:30PM

*"The Role of Judaism in Salvation History
from Abraham to the Second Coming"*

SCHEDULE

9:30AM Sacrament of Reconciliation

10:15AM Rosary Procession

12:00PM Holy Mass

1:15PM Lunch

3:45PM Holy Hour

Stewardship in Action

Discuss with family how Jesus teaches us to handle situations when we have been wronged.

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, August 23, 2026
Second Collection - Catholic Charities for Storm Victims
\$5,374.24

Sunday August 30, 2026
Adult Collection - \$20,687.75
Children's Collection - \$24.25
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Total Weekly Offering
\$24,163.58

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6

Catholic Bible Study Sign Up, Before and After 7:30 AM and 9:30 Masses and After 11:30 AM Mass, GS
OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms
Vietnamese Confessions and Mass, 6:00 PM, Church
Marian Devotions, 7:00 PM, Cemetery
Vietnamese Reception, After Vietnamese Mass, SPH

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

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7

Parish Office Closed
Mass on Mount Calvary, 9:00 AM, Cemetery

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion, After 7:00 AM Mass, Chapel
Senior Gems Meeting, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, SE Room

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9

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

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10

Baptismal Prep, 6:00 PM, SE Room
Music Ministry Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, Church

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11

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 12

Confession, 3:30 - 4:30 PM, Chapel
Catholic Bible Study Sign Up, Before and After 5:00 PM Mass, GS

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13

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



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Interested contact the Parish Office 219-322-4505.

Mass Intentions and Readings

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5		THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10	
5:00 PM	✚Deceased Friends of the Lemon Family	7:00 AM	✚Joseph Craven
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6 TWENTY-THIRD		FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11	
<u>SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u>		7:00 AM	✚Gene Wydrinski ✚Walter Zdonek
7:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12	
9:30 AM	✚Jill Margala	8:00 AM	✚Joan Gillespie
11:30 AM	✚Mike and Mary Starr Isabel Micias ✚Leonard and Len Lula	5:00 PM	✚Janet Ivkovich
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7 LABOR DAY		SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13 TWENTY-FOURTH	
7:00 AM	✚Fruitful and Rewarding Labor	<u>SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u>	
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8		7:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
7:00 AM	✚Mary Ann Adam ✚Dorothy Drabik ✚MaryLou Kendy	9:30 AM	✚Arthur and JoAnne Janowski
8:55 AM	All Souls	11:30 AM	✚Norma Dobrzynski ✚Ixtzanar Guzman ✚Delores Wright
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9		✚ indicates deceased	
7:00 AM	✚Deacon Jack Krol		

The Word

(Readings for September 13, 2026, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reflections...

- I. Sirach 27:30-28:7 Forgive the injustice of your neighbor, for then your own sins will be pardoned. Remember death, stop sinning, recall the commandments, love your neighbor, think of God's covenant, and overlook the faults of others.
- II. Romans 14:7-9 We are not our own masters, but we are responsible to the Lord as servants. In life and in death we belong to the Lord. Christ died and rose to life in order to become "Lord of both the dead and the living."
- III. Matthew 18:21-35 In a parable on forgiveness, Jesus compared the reign of God to a king settling accounts with his officials. Moved by compassion, the king forgave some or all of each debt. An official then extorted the full amount he was owed, and the king punished him.



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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