

Welcome to St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Community
August 31st, 2025



• 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**“THE ONE WHO
HUMBLES HIMSELF
WILL BE EXALTED.”**

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SATURDAY LITURGY

Vigil: 5:00 PM

SUNDAY LITURGY

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

LIVESTREAM 9:30 AM MASS

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

9:00-3:00 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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday prior to the Sunday printing

12:00 PM (Noon). Holidays have

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form to the office or by fax to 322-4508.

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Ministry of Hope & Consolation

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From the Pastor's Desk

God's Seating Plan. Several years ago I celebrated the sacrament of Marriage with a couple of eastern European (Balkan) decent. In our last meeting as we were planning the details of the wedding Mass I asked the couple if I would be sitting at the reception with one of their parents. They responded by telling me that I would be sitting at the head table. Usually, this means being relegated to the far end of the table next to the ring bearer. However, they told me that I would be sitting next to them. I insisted that sitting with the bride of groom's parents was gracious enough. But they insisted that that not only do I sit next to me, but actually between them.

No, that seemed just not right. But they informed me that in their cultural experience the priest sat at the head table in the middle. Needless to say I felt embarrassed by this possibility. But, they insisted that the priest is there not because of who he is personally to them but because he is symbolically the presence of Christ, like at the wedding feast at Cana. Then the bride quickly added that besides that, they both enjoyed my company. I was still reticent that this was not the usual seating arrangement. I even mentioned it to the parents at the rehearsal, but they too were insistent.

The evening turned out better than I expected. It was really a fun celebration. What happened when everyone rang their glasses? Well, I would lean back and the bride and groom would give each other a kiss. As I read the gospel story about not seeking the higher place, I thought about this incident. Actually, I was trying to secure my "comfortable" place setting with the parents who I knew, but other plans humbled me. It was not me who was honored, but the priesthood that I have been gifted with. It was, I reflect upon it, a humbling experience.

We often want to place ourselves in the most comfortable spot at a dinner party or even in life itself. But God most often has other plans for us. He might raise us up (in the eyes of others) or seat us lower. Whether we are at the head table or not is not the issue rather it is whether we can allow God to seat us where he wants us to be seated. Often times we have a difficult time going where God wants us to go. Perhaps we would rather be unnoticed, but God wants you to be a servant for Him, maybe to serve His Body and Blood or to serve up His sacred Word, reading to others. Maybe we want to be in charge, but God wants us to share our talents and not dominate with them.

I did not want to sit at the head table with the bride on my right and the groom on my left. This was not where I wanted to be. But it is where God put me that night. I was humbled by that experience, but also God taught me a lesson about the gift of the priesthood he has given me. I think each of us have had a similar experience, when we are put in places we would rather not be. God has a way of making each place we find ourselves, if we trust in him, the exact place we need to be to receive a surprising gift from God.

Our Feast Day, 151 Years Strong. On the last Sunday of September, September 28, we will celebrate our parish feast day. The Solemnity of St. Michael the Archangel. Last year our day was marked by a glorious celebration on Mt. Calvary with the Bishop, several Priests of the Diocese, Religious Sisters and over 700 people.

This year we give thanks by celebrating our commission to serve as Christ serves us. There will be donuts and fellowship after Sunday Masses. ALSO, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the afternoon that day and conclude with Benediction and Evening Prayer at 4:00 PM. That will be followed by our customary Feast Day Dinner, yum, yummm. Mark your calendar and come and celebrate.

St. Michael
Parish Feast Day



Ministry Outreach

Meet Sandy!



Sandy O'Drobinak

Lector/ Eucharist Minister

Sandy O'Drobinak has been a parishioner at St. Michael for four years. A lifelong resident of Dyer, she's been married to her husband, Kevin, for 30 years, and together they've raised two wonderful daughters. Though raised in a devout Lutheran home, Sandy entered the Catholic Church in 1993 through the RCIA program at St. Maria Goretti in Dyer.

Her love for Scripture began early, reading Bible stories during Sunday school and confirmation classes. That love took on a deeper meaning when a priest invited her to become a lector. At the time, her youngest daughter was just four, and it felt like a difficult commitment, but with support and flexibility, Sandy gave it a try and quickly discovered how fulfilling it was. Shortly afterward, she was invited to become a Eucharistic Minister and eagerly accepted.

As a lector, Sandy finds joy and meaning in proclaiming the Word of God. As a Eucharistic Minister, she feels humbled and grateful to distribute the Body and Blood of Christ, one of the most sacred moments of the Mass.

Sandy encourages others to consider stepping forward: If you feel a tug on your heart, don't ignore it - God may be calling you. Serving as a lector or Eucharistic Minister is a powerful way to live your faith and help others grow in theirs.

Those 50+ Parishioner or Non-Parishioner

Next meeting for the whole parish, as well as non-parishioners, is September 9th at 10 AM. We are discussing the ins and outs of Medicare presented by Senior Life of Franciscan Hospitals. Get your questions answered. The our next meeting is Our Quarterly Bingo game on September 23 at 10 AM with wrapped white elephant prizes. Come join the fun!



Eucharistic Adoration

The best kind of friend is one you can simply be with in silence, enjoying the moment together. That's the kind of quiet, deep connection you share with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration.



Come and Spend Time with the Lord
Wednesdays, from 1:00 - 4:00 PM in the Chapel

Catholic Bible Study - Book of Revelation this fall. (Join us on Tuesday nights in St. Patrick Hall)

Registration: Weekends of September 13, 14, 20, 21

after 5:00 pm, 7:30 and 9:30 am Masses and BEFORE 11:30 Mass.

If you want to join us after September 21, you will have to secure your own book. You may pay \$20 at registration and we'll order your book for you (we have to cover shipping) OR you can save money and purchase your own book through Amazon. For more information, call Linda Hansen @ 219-682-7072 or Deacon Ron Pyle @ 219-742-8263.

Marion Devotions

Sunday, August 31st at 7:30 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

Blessed Mother Mary, thank you for your love and intercession.



Mark Your Calendar!
Labor Day Outdoor Mass
Monday, Sept 1st at 9 AM
on Mount Calvary.
Please bring lawn chair.

Wanting to know more about the process of OCIA as a catechist?

We have a *great* opportunity for you to do just that! Come spend time with Fr. Marty, who will share an OCIA 101 introduction session for those interested. A catechist is someone who will share their faith life and break open the Gospel Messages weekly with our OCIA Candidates and Catechumens. (Those wishing to seek a full Catholic faith life) This process is NOT a classroom setting, but rather a personal faith journey, exploring and living out the Gospel Message.

Where: St. Michael Parish - St. Patrick Hall

When: September 5th & 6th

Time: Friday, September 5th - 6:30 PM- 8:30PM

Time: Saturday, September 6th - 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM - (Starting with Mass at 8:00 AM)



**Many blessings to our new Catechumens,
Arvin Chan & Zachary Held.**

Many blessings to our new Catechumens, Arvin Chan & Zachary Held. They both celebrated together with their sponsors a "Rite of Entrance". The parish welcomes you both to the OCIA process - a spiritual journey getting to know Jesus and building a relationship with Him!



Faith Formation News

Important Dates

Sept. 9th/10th: First Class/Parent Orientation in SMS gym, 6 -7:30 PM

Sept 14th: First Family Class/Parent Orientation in SMS gym, 9:30 -11 AM

Sept 16th/17th: Traditional Classes, 6 -7:30 PM in SMS Classroom

Register your child **now** for Faith Formation classes for grades 1-8.

All High School Teens are invited to be a part of Radiate! We had a great Planning Night with great ideas for this year! THANK YOU, Fr. Marty and Fr. Robert for hosting us!

Upcoming Calendar:

Sun, Sept 21 – Meet in St Patrick's Hall (6-8pm)

Sun, Oct 5 – Meet in St Patrick's Hall (6-8pm)

Sun, Oct 19 – HAYRIDE & BONFIRE NIGHT! (6-8pm)

(Meet at Oak Ridge Prairie: 301 S Colfax St, Griffith, IN)

Sun, Oct 26 – Halloween Party Night at Adam Nowinski's

HIDDEN CREEK PUMPKIN PATCH (5:30-8:00pm)

LOCATION: 7211 W. 87th Ave, Crown Point, IN 46307

Dress up in Costume / Carve Pumpkins / Bonfire / Corn Maze /

"Scary" Movie Clips

Any questions about Radiate? Please feel free to contact Mrs.

Jeannine Quigley 219-775-5356 or Mrs. Marisa Richardson 219-730-4735



St. Michael School Welcome Back To School Day!



Welcome the Newly Baptized

Katherine Grace Pederson
Emma Lynn Reyes
Austin Zachary Strbjak

2025 PARISH FUN FEST AND MEGA RAFFLE RESULTS

Raffle Ticket Sales	\$340,800.00
Raffle Expenses	\$39,371.81
Raffle Winners Payments	\$115,000.00
Net Raffle Results	\$186,428.19
% Return on Ticket Sales	54.7%
Donation - The Albertine Sisters	\$18,642.82
Net Raffle Results	\$167,785.37
Fun Fest Income/Donations	\$49,168.00
Fun Fest Expense	\$50,592.72
Net Fun Fest Results	(\$1,424.72)
NET EVENT	\$166,360.65



125th Anniversary Celebration

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Looking Back!



St. Michael School
First Communion
1946

*Recognize
Anyone?*



Friday, September 26th at Innsbrook Country Club

\$100 a Ticket - Dinner, Full Bar, Auction and Special Presentation! Buy Tickets Here!



LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

Karla Lesko, Emelia Williams, Joan Hamnik, ***Michele Lamb***, Noah Buchler, Bob Gabor, ***Theresa Nordyke***, Marisia Adams, ***Mary Ann Adam***, Nicole Villanueva, Ruth Marie Sarros, ***Timothy Benchek***, ***Tim & Helen Hazard***, Marjorie Celik, Soledad S., ***Geraldine Heintz*** 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 Pray for the Sick List.

St. Michael's parishioners are in bold, italic print.



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Growing Into the Future Together STATUS

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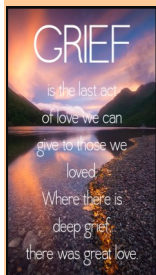
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Pledged: \$4,015,418

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Questions? Email us at gift@stmichaelparish.life or call 219-322-4505.



Bereavement Sessions

Have You Lost a Loved One?

Join on Thursdays, starting

September 25th -November 6th

SW Meeting Room in

St. Patrick Hall 7:00-8:30 PM

At these sessions, you will be actively listened to and ***nonjudgmental support*** will be offered. As you grieve the loss of a loved one, trained ministers are present to assist you by giving you tools that will help you move forward in life. To register, please call Janice at 219-322-4505, ext. 8241.

Cursillo Retreat — which means “short course in Christianity” in Spanish with daily prayer, Mass, Spiritual Direction, and group discussions. Open to Catholics 18+.

Women's Weekend: Sept 11–14

Men's Weekend: Oct 23–26

Location: Camp Lawrence, Valparaiso

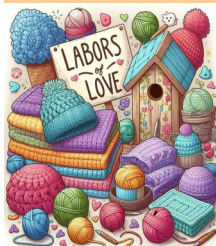
Contact: Carol Slager, 219-765-8600

Already attended? Join **Ultreya** every 2nd Tuesday at Holy Spirit Parish.

Diocese of Gary



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Labors of Love Meetings—Join us as we knit, crochet & craft items for those in need. Work at your own pace, on your own project. Connect with others while contributing to a cause you care about. All skill levels are welcome. Yarn etc. is graciously donated or purchased by the group through the kindness of product/monetary donations or grant funds. Please join us on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month in St. Patrick Hall at 10am. In the event of a 5th Tuesday in the month the group enjoys a luncheon at a selected location (on your own).

Join us for Chair Yoga!

September 5th 8:00 AM

St. Patrick Hall. Please call

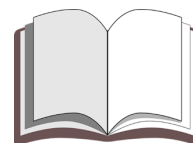
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to register.



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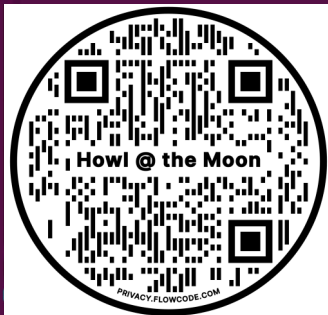
St. Michael School

Saturday, October 4

Doors Open at 5:30 pm

Fun Family Event!

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Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave!

Pope Francis

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.

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" Matthew 6:21

August 24th, 2025

Adult Collection	\$11,419.00
Children's Collection	\$26.00
Loose Collection	\$505.00
EFT's	\$5040.81
Total Weekly Offering	\$16,990.81

Thank you for your generosity!

Looking for a young adult community? Young adults ages 18 to 35 strive to build friendships, encourage each other to live our faith, and support each other in prayer. To be added to the young adults GroupMe, text or call AnnMarie Hemmerling at 219-798-3248.



Weekly Schedule

GS-Gathering Space SPH-St. Patrick Hall

SUNDAY AUGUST 31
 K of C membership drive, 8:00-8:30 AM, GS
 OCIA, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM, SE and SW Rooms
The Rosary is said after 7:00 AM weekday Mass except Tuesday-after OLPH Devotions

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1
Mass on Mount Calvary, 9:00 AM

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2
 Mass and Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Devotion, 7:00-8:00 AM, Chapel
 Labors of Love, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, SPH
 Young Adult Group, 6:30-8:30 PM, SW Room

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3
 SMS Mass, 9:00 AM, Church
 Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 4
 Music Ministry Practice, 7:00-8:00 PM, Church
 Music Ministry Social Hour, 8:00-9:30 PM, SPH

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5
 Chair Yoga 8:00-9:00 AM, SPH
 OCIA 101 Set Up, 5:30-6:30PM, SPH
 OCIA 101, 6:30-8:30 PM, SPH

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6
 First Saturday Devotions 8:30-9:00 AM, Chapel
 OCIA 101 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, SPH
 Confessions, 3:00-4:30 PM, Chapel
 125th Ann. Celebration Ticket Sale, 4:30-6 PM, GS

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7
 OCIA, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM, SE and SW Rooms
 125th Ann. Celebration Ticket Sale, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM, GS
 Vietnamese Confessions, 5:00-5:45 PM, Church
 Vietnamese Mass, 6:00-7:00 PM, Church
 Vietnamese Reception, 7:00-8:30 PM, SPH
 Marion Devotions, 7:00-7:30PM, Cemetery



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY AUGUST 30

5:00 PM ✠ Deceased Friends of the Lemon Family

SUNDAY AUGUST 31 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM ✠ Kristin and John Finley
✠ Eugene and Evangeline Parker
✠ Teresa Doctor

9:30 AM St. Michael Parish

11:30 AM ✠ Bill and Dolores Wright

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1

9:00 AM ✠ Fruitful and Rewarding work for laborers

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2

7:00 AM ✠ Eric Holtzman
✠ Michael Michals

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3

7:00 AM ✠ Janet Ivkovich
8:55 AM ✠ Norma Dobrzynski

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 4

7:00 AM ✠ Kay Parker

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5

7:00 AM ✠ Michael Joseph Maas

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6

8:00 AM ✠ Mary Marsh

5:00 PM ✠ Kyle Arnold

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM St. Michael Parish

9:30 AM ✠ Dorothy Drabik

11:30 AM ✠ Michael and Thomas Cwiklinski
✠ Mary Marsh
✠ Elizabeth Oberman

✠ indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for September 7, 2025, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

I. *Wisdom 9:13-18b*

No one understands heaven or earth completely, but God sends wisdom and the Holy Spirit to light up the paths of those who search for the way.

II. *Philemon 9-10, 12-17*

While Paul was in prison, he begged Philemon to receive back the runaway slave, Onesimus, as a beloved brother and partner in Christ.

III. *Luke 14:25-33*

Jesus taught His followers the hard lesson of the cross: good accounting, careful planning, anticipating changes, decision making and finishing the job.

Stewardship in Action

Pray for the poor at each meal this week. Donate items to prepare a meal to Good Samaritans or a food bank.

submitted by Conchita Bryner




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THEN WHAT'S POSSIBLE, AND SUDDENLY
YOU ARE DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE."

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