

Welcome to St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Community  
August 24, 2025

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**STRIVE**  
TO ENTER  
THROUGH THE  
NARROW GATE.

— LUKE 13:24 —



## 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.

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Website: [www.stmichaelparish.life](http://www.stmichaelparish.life)

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Faith Formation

Marriage Ministry

Marriage Preparation

Radiate

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### Stewardship & Parish Administration

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***Discipline?*** What most of us remember from being disciplined in our younger years is generally unpleasant. Yet, discipline is not limited to or even motivated by rendering punishment. It is true that at times our discipline was accompanied with punishment, but most of the time it was administered with reward and encouragement.

Take note of the word itself: discipline. There is another word there. That other word is what we are called and call ourselves, disciple. Disciples are people steeped in the discipline of the Master. You cannot be a disciple if you are unwilling to undergo the discipline of the Way set forth by the Master.

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us of this in today's second reading. He encourages us to view our trials, and we all have them, of one type or another, as "discipline." Our trials are not punishment any more than the athlete who pushes himself to exhaustion in order to excel in his sport. Such drive is not punishment but the willing acceptance of a discipline. The discipline does not disappoint. For those who place themselves under it find their endurance strengthened and solace even in their pain.

It would be wrong of us to think that life is meant to be a bed of roses without thorns. Our life in this world, on this pilgrimage to God, is full of its joys and its sorrows, its ups and its downs. The difference for a Christian disciple is that the sorrows and downs are just as important and necessary as the joys and ups. For in our difficulties, we are impelled to trust more deeply in God. Growing in this trust is a good thing! That is why Christian spiritual writers, from the earliest days understood suffering for the sake of the Name and the daily trials we undergo as not evil punishments, but invitations to enter more deeply into communion with God who binds up our wounds.

Indeed, they saw what the world called "misfortune" as the most fortuitous way God calls us closer to him. This is a mystery, not to be solved, but to be entered into, to be experienced. So the next time things are going south, remind yourself that what appears as misfortune can most certainly be an invitation to go to God, to run to him. The thorns do not disappear. But, rather the blood they draw is co-mingled with Christ's blood, which sanctifies our difficulties/sufferings and makes them for us a way to salvation.

Fr. Marty Dobrzynski



Discipleship is being transformed  
into the Image of Jesus Christ  
for the sake of others...

# Ministry Outreach

## Meet Loretta!



Loretta DePrez

Sacristan

Loretta DePrez, a dedicated parishioner at St. Michael since 1999, found her love for God deepening after witnessing the joy of volunteers supporting the life of the church. Their service, often accompanied by spontaneous singing, was a true expression of love for God. This inspiring experience led her to serve.

After retiring from the federal government in 2001, Loretta began volunteering as a Sacristan and quickly became part of a close-knit team—like family. Even her late husband, Doug, who was Ukrainian Orthodox Catholic, joined in to help. Over the years, she's welcomed friends, relatives, and newcomers into the ministry.

*Loretta invites you to stop by and say hello! Your time and talent, even on small projects, help create a more beautiful and welcoming church for all and can make a significant difference. If you enjoy sewing, your gifts are truly needed! Come, be part of something special!*

## Those 50+ Parishioner or Non-Parishioner

Our next meeting, Aug. 26, we will be going to Gabis Arboretum. We will meet at the church at 10am and carpool to the Arboretum and after touring we will go to lunch. Cost will be between \$15-20 depending on the use of golf carts. Come join the fun. Then join us on September 9th at 10am for a Medicare update. Finally on September 23, is our quarterly bingo party.



## 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**  
August 27th, 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 24th 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 1 at 9am**  
on Mount Calvary.  
Please bring lawn chair.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

## 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 Catechumen. (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 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM- 8:30PM**

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

## 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.

## Welcome Back!



## BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



### SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED... CAN YOU HELP??

The Good Samaritans are having their annual school supply appeal for children in need. Pencils, crayons, folders, backpacks, printing paper, notebooks, glue sticks, pens, scissors, hand sanitizer, children's scissors and learning to print lined paper are just a few items needed.

**We sincerely appreciate your generosity and support.**

Did You Know...?  
Faith Formation Starts in  
~1<sup>st</sup> GRADE!~

Children 6-7 years old are usually enthusiastic to learn, enjoy stories, games and are eager to connect with their peers.

We create an environment that builds a warm welcoming spirit, which allows room for learning and spiritual growth.

**CALL THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE TODAY AT #322-3077  
TO REGISTER YOUR 1<sup>st</sup> GRADER FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR!**



All High School  
Teens are invited to  
be a part of Radiate!

**We want YOUR input as we plan for the year!**

**Sun, Aug 24 – PLANNING NIGHT:**

**S'mores & Firepit Night –**

**Meet you at the Soccer Field 6-8pm.**

*In case of inclement weather,  
meet in St Patrick's Hall.*

Any questions about Radiate?  
Please feel free to contact Mrs. Jeanine Quigley, 219-775-5356 or Mrs. Marisa Richardson, 219-730-4735.





# 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

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## Looking Back!



St. Michael First &  
Second Grade  
Class 1949.

Recognize  
Anyone?



**Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at Innsbrook Country Club**

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

### SHOP, SHOW, and SUPPORT Back-to-school shopping at Southlake Mall!

St. Michael School is participating in Shop for Schools, a fun and rewarding program that gives back to our school. Families simply shop at Southlake Mall July 15-August 25 2025 and submit their receipts-online or in person.

A percentage of those purchases will be donated directly back to our school! The more our school community shop, the more our school earns. Scan the QR code to submit your receipts!



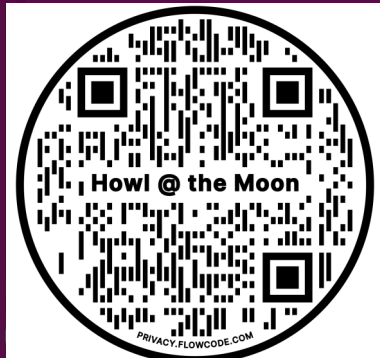
# HOWL AT THE MOON. ON STAGE

WORLD FAMOUS DUELING PIANO SHOW

St. Michael School  
Saturday, October 4  
Doors Open at 5:30 pm

## Fun Family Event!

Scan here to buy tickets or  
to become a sponsor.





## ***LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER***

**Pat Matz**, Karen Dezarn, **Rose Ilgin**, Jerry Palko, **Marcie Rose**, Joan Hamnik, **Michele Lamb**, Noah Buchler, Bob Gabor, **Theresa Nordyke**, Marisia Adams, **Mary Ann Adam**, Patricia Matz, Nicole Villanueva, Ruth Marie Sarros, **Timothy Benchek**, **Tim & Helen Hazard** 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.*



## ***Young Mothers Group***

For New & Young Mothers with Children Under 5 yrs of age.  
Join us for a peaceful morning of companionship, conversation, and encouragement with other moms who understand the joys and challenges of this season.

**Wednesday, August 27, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM, St. Patrick Hall**

Whether you're a first-time mom or simply looking to connect, you're invited to come as you are — little ones and all!

For more information, contact Vanessa Merkle at [vmerkle85@gmail.com](mailto:vmerkle85@gmail.com).



## **St. Michael Parish Tasting Event**

**Sunday, November 9, 2025**

**3-6 pm, St. Patrick Hall**

**Save  
the Date**

- Order Wine & Bourbon
- Exclusive Auction Items
- Delicious Cuisine

Questions or to donate  
call 219-322-4505.

**All proceeds to benefit the G.I.F.T. Campaign.  
Must be 21+**

**\$80 per ticket**



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## **CAPTIAL CAMPAIGN**



**Growing Into the Future  
Together**

## **Growing Into the Future Together STATUS**

**St. Michael School HVAC PROJECT - ALMOST COMPLETE!**

**As of August 19, 2025**

**Goal: \$5,000,000**

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## **Join us for Chair Yoga!**

**August 22nd 8:00 AM**  
St. Patrick Hall. Please call  
Ursula at 219-741-3276  
to register.



**Want something in the bulletin?** If you want content put in the bulletin, please email Joe Udani at [judani@stmichaelparish.life](mailto:judani@stmichaelparish.life). Please have all your materials submitted by Monday at 12:00 p.m. for the bulletin being published that week.

## Young Adult Night Out!

Join the **St. Michael Young Adult Group** and our friends from St. John Evangelist are joining forces for a joyful evening starting with a **rosary and then an outdoor movie under the stars.**

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

At 7:00pm

Trinity Hall, St. John the Evangelist Church,  
9330 Wicker Avenue, St. John

All **young adults (18-35)** are welcome—come hang out, meet new people, and enjoy a great night together!  
For more info text or call AnnMarie Hemmerling at 219-798-3248.

# Thank You!

**Thank you** to everyone who filled out the St. Michael Festival Feedback & Involvement Survey, your ideas and insights are truly appreciated!

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.

**"Faithful Giving, Blessings Abound – Thank you for Your Support."**

To make online giving easier, please scan the QR code to donate.



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

**August 17th, 2025**

Adult Collection	\$14,065
Children's Collection	\$159.27
Loose Collection	\$281.00
EFT's	\$6909.20

**Total Weekly Offering**  
**\$21,414.47**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## St. Matthias

Catholic Community



St. Matthias Parish in Crown Point, Indiana, is hiring a part-time Coordinator of Religious Education. Position could develop into a full-time position for the right candidate. Interested candidates can send a letter of interest and/or resume to St. Matthias Church, Attn: Jackie Gentry, 101 W Burrell Drive Crown Point, Indiana 46307

## Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave!

Pope Francis

## Weekly Schedule

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

### SUNDAY AUGUST 24

125th Ann. Celebration Ticket Sale, 8AM - 1PM, GS  
OCIA, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM, SE and SW Rooms  
Radiate 6:00 PM Meet at Soccer Field.  
Marian Devotion 7:30 PM meet at the cemetery

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

### MONDAY AUGUST 25

Centering Prayer 6:00-7:00 PM, SW Room  
Liturgy Committee Mtg. 7:00-8:00 PM SE Room

### TUESDAY AUGUST 26

Mass and Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Devotion, 7:00-8:00 AM, Chapel  
GEMS Meeting 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, SPH

### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27

Young Mother's Support Group 10:00 AM SPH  
Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel  
Eucharistic Mtg. to Homebound, 6:30 PM, SPH  
Young Adult Group, 7 PM, SJE Trinity Hall

### THURSDAY AUGUST 28

Parent Info & Teacher Night - School, 6 PM - 8 PM  
Cantor Practice, 7:00-8:00 PM, church

### FRIDAY AUGUST 29

Chair Yoga 8:00-9:00 AM, SPH

### SATURDAY AUGUST 30

Confessions, 3:15-4:30 PM, Chapel  
125th Ann. Celebration Ticket Sale, 4:30-6 PM, GS

### SUNDAY AUGUST 31

OCIA, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM, SE and SW Rooms  
125th Ann. Celebration Ticket Sale, 8 AM- PM, GS  
K of C Membership Drive, GS



# Mass Intentions

## FOR THE WEEK



<b>SATURDAY AUGUST 23</b>		<b>FRIDAY AUGUST 29</b>	
<b>5:00 PM</b>	✦ Mary Marsh	<b>7:00 AM</b>	✦ Ronald Penizny
<b>SUNDAY AUGUST 24 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>		<b>SATURDAY AUGUST 30</b>	
<b>7:30 AM</b>	St. Michael Parish	<b>8:00 AM</b>	✦ Cyril D'Souza
<b>9:30 AM</b>	✦ Margaret "Patricia" Fischer		✦ Pat Logue
			✦ Juanita H. Solis
<b>11:30 AM</b>	✦ Leonard & Len Lula	<b>5:00 PM</b>	✦ Deceased friends of Lemon Fm.
	✦ Andrew Panega	<b>SUNDAY AUGUST 31 22TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
	✦ William Gerl	<b>7:30 AM</b>	✦ Kristin & John Finley
<b>MONDAY AUGUST 25</b>			✦ Eugene & Evangeline Parker
<b>7:00 AM</b>	✦ Julia Drabik		✦ Teresa Doctor
<b>TUESDAY AUGUST 26</b>		<b>9:30 AM</b>	St. Michael Parish
<b>7:00 AM</b>	✦ Ray Pawlicki	<b>11:30 AM</b>	✦ Bill & Dolores Wright
<b>WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27</b>		✦ indicates deceased	
<b>7:00 AM</b>	✦ Geraldine Bruno		
<b>THURSDAY AUGUST 28</b>			
<b>7:00 AM</b>	✦ Deacon Jack Krol		

## reflections...

### THE WORD

(Readings for August 24, 2025, Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- I. *Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10* The princes were eager to kill Jeremiah because he constantly challenged them to follow God's law. The king allowed them to throw Jeremiah into a cistern. A friend interceded with the king and rescued Jeremiah.
- II. *Hebrews 12:1-4* Let us repent of our sin and fix our eyes on the Lord. Jesus gave us an example of endurance and courage in the midst of struggle. In that way He inspires and perfects our faith.
- III. *Luke 12:49-53* Jesus announced to His disciples that He came to bring a hard message indeed, and some have not listened to it. That is why friends and families divide.

## Stewardship in Action

Ask the Holy Spirit to conform you to God's Desire.

-submitted by Conchita Bryner

### Knight of Columbus Membership Drive






**Sunday, August 31**  
after all masses.

Gentlemen of the church, we welcome you to come learn more about all good work we do.

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