

Welcome to St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Community

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21, 2025

"The person trustworthy in small matters is also trustworthy in Great Ones."

Luke 16:10

St. Michael Feast Day



Join us on Sunday, Sept. 28 as we celebrate the Feast of St. Michael. A special day of faith, fellowship, and parish unity.

Come celebrate with us!

Feast Day Agenda

Special Feast Day Masses (Sat. & Sun)

12:45 till 4:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration.

4:00 PM Evening Prayer with Benediction.

4:30 PM Sunday Dinner for all present .

See details on page 4.



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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Marriage Preparation

Radiate

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Ministry of Hope & Consolation

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From the Pastor's Desk

Being Clever Pays. Parables, the moral tales that Jesus tells, are first and foremost about God and God's action towards us. In this light they teach us how we should behave, to be like God. The story of the "dishonest steward" would seem to be a parable that has little to do with God. But Jesus tells the story to describe to what lengths God will go to provide for our salvation.

The crafty steward after being accused engages in the ancient practice of bartering with those who owe large sums of goods to their master. In the ancient world the steward of the house would always attach his "fee" to what was owed to his master. So, much of what is being reduced in the story is that "fee" that the steward chooses to forgo. More interestingly, if we see this crafty servant as Jesus, who is willing to let go of his due, aka his very life, so that we are reconciled to the Master, and our debt is paid, we begin to understand what we must do. Jesus implies that we should imitate this servant in how we deal with our own debts. Jesus, uses what he has at his command, "I lay down my life for you, no one takes it from me; I lay it down freely." He becomes our expiation to the Father. He sacrifices himself so that we are reconciled.

Jesus wants us to do the same. Use what we have in this world to gain access to the life that is promised. We cannot buy it like we buy some ticket and still have money left for personal enjoyments. No, in the end we must give up everything to find our union with God, just as Jesus did. Use your talents to make his love more real. Even the talents you consider mundane, that earn you a living, are needed to promote the work of Christ in the world through His Church. Use your funds to fund your charity to spread his love. Remember, as we heard a few weeks ago, the giving of alms quenches the fires of sin. Use your time, the time God has given you, to learn by doing, learning how to trust more in Jesus and the Holy Spirit to show you what to do and how to behave. Cut the cable and live in the freedom of God's guidance.

Be that crafty steward as Jesus was for us, by his mercy our debt was paid in his blood. Use what you are given to be ready for what God wants to give you.

Our Feast Day Next Week. Next Sunday, September 28 we celebrate our patronal feast, the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel. St. Michael is our patron, our helper and defender in times of temptation and trouble. He also wants to lead us to our loving God who created him and us. Next Sunday is marked by some special activities:

1. Special Feast Day Masses at the Saturday Vigil Mass and on Sunday morning;
2. Coffee and Doughnuts celebrating the many blessings/ministries God has give to us as a parish;
3. Extra time for personal prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament;
 - a) From 12:45 till 4:00 PM the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration.
 - b) In this week's bulletin are some suggested times for you to make a visit to our Lord.
4. Celebratory Evening Prayer with Benediction at 4:00 PM;
5. Sunday Dinner for all present at 4:30 PM, Chicken and Pasta with all the trimmings.
 - a) Bring a dessert to share if you wish (not required).

Don't forget your doughnut in the morning after Mass. Spend some time on Sunday, September 28 with our Lord Jesus. Come and pray for a few minutes during the afternoon and/or come for Benediction and a wonderful meal.



St. Michael Parish Feast Day

On Sunday, September 28, we joyfully celebrate the Solemnity of St. Michael the Archangel with a day full of prayer, fellowship, & community.

Mass followed by donuts & conversation, don't forget to visit the Ministry Fair.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the afternoon.

(See suggested schedule below, come when you can.)

Benediction and Evening Prayer at 4:00 PM.

Traditional Feast Day Dinner to close our celebration.

A light dinner will be provided, and we warmly encourage everyone to bring a favorite dessert to share—a sweet way to end a beautiful day together.

Join us as we honor our patron, rejoice in community!

Eucharistic Adoration Times

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM

Last Names Starting V-Z
Cross Bearers
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
Hospitality Ministers
Music Ministry

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Last Names Starting M-O
Faith Formation Catechists & Assistants
OCIA Team Members
Respect Life Ministers
Adult Education Ministry

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Last Names Starting D-F
Art & Environment Ministers
Comforting Chefs
Money Counting Ministry
Parish Nurses

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Last Names Starting S-U
Finance Council Members
Gardener Ministry
Good Samaritans
Knights of Columbus
Catholic Bible Study

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Last Names Starting J-L
Lectors
Sacristans
Centering Prayer Ministry
Cemetery Committee
Liturgy Committee

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Last Names Starting A-C
Altar Servers
RADIATE Youth Ministry
Scouts
Labors of Love Ministry
Baptism/Marriage Prep Ministries

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Last Names Starting P-R
Ministers of Care
Ministry of Consolation & Hope
Senior GEMS
Welcoming Ministry

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Last Names Starting G-I
Festival Committee
Pastoral Council Members
Rebuilding Hope Mission Team
Wheelchair Ramp Ministry



St. Michael Ministry Fair

The weekend of the 27/28 we will have all 32 of our ministries represented in St. Patrick's 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! We will once again hold a drawing from all ministry card signups after the 11:30 am mass for a \$100 cash prize! (winner need not be present).



Ministry Outreach

Meet Claire!



Claire Gronek

Baptismal Preparation
Ministry

Claire has been a dedicated member of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish for over 20 years. A proud Purdue University graduate, she works as a Renal Dietitian and has passionately assisted in helping over five patients receive kidney transplants!

Her journey into parish ministry began when a friend referred her to serve in the baptism preparation ministry. Claire quickly found joy in guiding families through the sacrament of baptism, deepening her own appreciation for her faith. She treasures meeting growing families and celebrating with them. Despite initially feeling unqualified because she does not have children of her own, Claire found encouragement from her parish mentors and her sister. Their support inspired her to embrace the ministry wholeheartedly. Through this work, Claire's faith has grown, enriching her prayer life and shaping her reflections on how to be a thoughtful Godparent and future parent.

Volunteering not only strengthens your connection with God, but also helps you live more mindfully of His grace. As Claire says, "Use your talents to support your Christian community—you won't regret it!"

Prayer Requests



LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

Bob Kuhn, Emelia Williams, **Theresa Nordyke**, Marisia Adams, **Mary Ann Adam**, Nicole Villanueva, Ruth Marie Sarros, **Timothy Benchek**, **Tim & Helen Hazard**, Marjorie Celik, Soledad S., **Geraldine Heintz**, **Karla Lesko**, Phyllis Leyba, **Angela Koutsis**, **Sherry Lazzaro**, **Joan Gillespie**, Gerry Scheub, Maria Weller, Jennifer Grish, **Michelle Lamb**, **Phil Przyblinski**, Jerry Palko, Kaitlyn Ryndak, Joan Hamnik, Rose Ilgin 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 requests.

Marian Devotions

Sunday, September 21 at 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

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



Eucharistic Adoration

The best kind of friend is one you can simply be with in silence, enjoying the moment together.

**Come and Spend Time with the Lord—
Wednesday,
1:00-4:00 PM in the Chapel**



Bereavement Sessions

Have You Lost a Loved One?

**Join us on Thursday evenings starting
Sept. 25th-Nov. 6th in the SW Meeting Room of
St. Patrick Hall at 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.



Catholic Bible Study Book of Revelation Registration:



This Weekend - September 20 & 21 after 5:00 pm, 7:30 and 9:30 am Masses and BEFORE 11:30 am Mass. If you want to join us after September 21, you will have to secure your own book through Amazon.

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



Learn More about Labors of Love

We come together to knit, crochet, and craft for those in need. Bring your own project and work at your own pace while connecting with others who share your passion for giving back.

All skill levels are welcome!

**Next meeting—October 7th.
Hope to see you then!**

**New Member registration Sunday,
September 21st after 7:30 AM and
9:30 AM masses.**

Become an Altar Server

New Altar Server Training in the Church for those in 4th to 12th grade.

Monday September 22, 6:30-8:00 PM

Wednesday September 24, 6:30-8:00 PM

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

Any Questions please contact
Deacon Ron: pyleon12@gmail.com
Deacon Gary: gwolfe@stmichaelparish.life

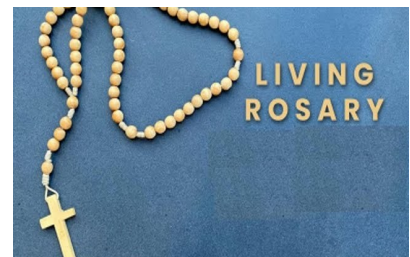
For Those Who Have Died...



Mary Ann Adam
Carol Henson
Joan Gillestie

Life has changed, not ended.

Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day is October 7. In honor of this feast day and to celebrate the second week of Respect Life Month, The Respect Life Ministry is hosting a Living Scriptural Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction on October 6 at 7:00 PM at St Michael's Church in Schererville. We need 60 people to represent a 'Living Bead' in the rosary. A scripture passage is read by a lector before each Hail Mary but all pray the entire prayers together. Being a 'Living Bead' means you will stand while your candle is lit but does not mean you have to say any prayer by yourself so there is no reason to fear being a 'Living Bead'. If you wish to be a 'Living Bead' we ask that you try to arrive by 6:30. All are Welcome! Come and bring your friends!!



Education and Formation

The Essentials of Catholic Liturgy

**A Foundational Course for Pastoral,
Liturgical, and Music Ministers**

Join us on Wednesday, September 24 at 6:30 PM in the St. Amand Room for an introduction to The Essentials of Catholic Liturgy, a foundational course exploring the Mass, the liturgical calendar, sacramental celebrations, and devotions of the Church. This program is open to everyone, even those who are not liturgical ministers.

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St. Michael the Parish Tasting Event

Sunday, November 9, 2025

3-6 pm, St. Patrick Hall



- Order Wine & Bourbon
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- Delicious Food

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Order Tickets Online or
call 219-322-4505.

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Praying Together and Staying Together

Thursday, October 2nd

6:00-7:30 pm

in St. Patrick Hall

Guest Speakers:

Jim & Sofia Bilder

Appetizers will be served at 6:00 pm
Speaker to begin at 6:30 pm.

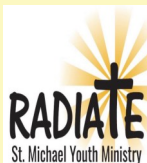
Register by September 25th by using
QR Code or contact Lynn & Todd Schmitt
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Free Seminar.
Registration is Requested.

Free childcare will be available.
Please indicate the number of children.

Radiate Upcoming Calendar:
Sun, September 21:
 DIVINE CONNECTION &
 PRAYER Night. Meet in
 St. Patrick's Hall (6-8pm) Any
 questions about Radiate? Please
 feel free to contact Mrs. Jeannine
 Quigley 219-775-5356 or Mrs.
 Marisa Richardson 219-730-4735



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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. Text or call AnnMarie Hemmerling for more info and to join our GroupMe! 219-798-3248

Join us for Chair Yoga!

September 26
 at 8:00 AM
 St. Patrick Hall.
 Please call Ursula
 at 219-741-3276
 to register.



St. Michael School is hosting a Trunk or Treat event on October 18 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the school parking lot. This free event is open to the public and features candy, costumes, music, contests, and family-friendly fun. Interested in decorating a trunk? Sign up using the QR code on the flyer. **Please note that costumes and decorated trunks must reflect Christian values—no weapons, satanic, or overly graphic costumes/themes.** Come enjoy a festive and safe celebration for all ages!



Those 50+ Parishioner or Non-Parishioner

The next for meeting for Senior Gems is our quarterly Bingo game on September 23 at 10 AM in SPH. Please bring a wrapped white elephant gift for prizes!



Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings next weekend in the east coat room after the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses.



Stewardship in Action

"Pray for those who are being paid small wages.
Pray for the migrant workers."

-submitted by Conchita Bryner



JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH
AT 6:00 PM
FOR THEIR
MONTHLY ROSARY
IN THE CHAPEL**



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aisle in church to place your Sunday donations.
We no longer pass baskets for regular collections.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

September 14th, 2025

Adult Collection	\$14,682.00
Children's Collection	\$98.30
Loose Collection	\$543.00
EFT's	\$2879.98

Total Weekly Offering

\$ 18,203.28

Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Schedule

GS-Gathering

Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21

Blood Pressure Screenings, After 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM, and
9:30 AM masses, Cloak Room
New Member Registration, 7:30 AM-12:30 PM, SPH
Catholic Bible Study Registration, 7:30 AM-12:30 PM, GS
OCIA, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM, SE and SW Rooms
Radiate, 6:00-8:00 PM, SPH
Marian Devotions 7:00-7:30 PM, Cemetery

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

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 22

Cemetery Meeting, 4:00-5:30 PM, SE Room
Centering Prayer 6:00-7:00 PM, SW Room
Altar Server Training, 6:30-8:30 PM, Church

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23

Senior Gems, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, SPH

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24

Mom's Support Group, 10:00-11:00 AM, SPH
Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel
Children's Choir Practice with Danette Lashbrook,
5:00-5:55 PM, Library
Altar Server Training, 6:30-8:30 PM, Church
Basics of Liturgy Webinar, 6:30-9:00PM, St. Amand Room

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25

Bereavement Sessions, 6:00-8:30 PM, SW Meeting Room
K of C Rosary, 6:00-7:00 PM, Chapel
Music Ministry Practice, 7:00-8:00 PM, Church
K of C Meeting, 7:00-9:00 PM, St. Amand Room

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26

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

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27

Mass St. Michael Feast Day— 5 PM

Setup for Ministry Fair, 9:00 AM-7:30 PM, SPH
Confessions, 3:15-4:30 PM, Chapel
Cub Scouts Selling Popcorn 4:30-6:30 PM, GS

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28

St. Michael Feast Day—All Masses

Coffee and Donuts After all Masses
Ministry Fair After all a Masses
New Member Registration, 7:30 AM-12:30 PM, SPH
Cub Scouts Selling Popcorn 8:30 AM-12:30 PM, GS
OCIA, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM, SE and SW Rooms
Adoration, 12:30-4:00 PM, Church
Evening Prayer, 4:00-4:30 PM, Church
Sunday Dinner, 4:30-7:00 PM, SPH



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 20	FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 26
5:00 PM	Mike and Ginny Seljan 60 yrs. Anniversary	7:00 AM	✠ August and Josephine Dravet
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 21 25th SUNDAY	SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 27
	IN ORDINARY TIME	8:00 AM	Theresa Scaramella
7:30 AM	✠ Jeff Tuskan	11:00 AM	Rachel Miotke and Nicholas Pratscher (Wedding)
9:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	2:00 PM	Victoria Carbajal and Randall Strainis (Wedding)
11:30 AM	✠ William Wright ✠ Matt Balcer ✠ Emily Watroba	5:00 PM	✠ Maria Elia Velerez
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 22	SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 28 26TH SUNDAY IN
7:00 AM	✠ Kristin and John Finley		ORDINARY TIME
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 23	7:30 AM	✠ Kristin Finley
7:00 AM	✠ Mary Marsh	9:30 AM	✠ Victoria Klekot ✠ Monica Drzewiecki ✠ Jeanette Lucente
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 24	11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
7:00 AM	✠ Alice Ensweiler		
8:55 AM	✠ Barry Hall		
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 25		
7:00 AM	✠ Ann Ayersman		



✠ indicates deceased

reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for September 28, 2025, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

I. *Amos 6:1a, 4-7*

Amos, God's prophet, rejected the individualistic, consumeristic values of lazy, greedy and just people who ignore the rights of the poor. Their life of ease will be ended.

II. *1 Timothy 6:11-16*

Paul exhorted Timothy to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness."




III. *Luke 16:19-31*

Jesus told the story about the rich man and Lazarus so that His listeners would repent and put their faith in God. Then they, too, like Lazarus, will rest in the bosom of Abraham.

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