

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
OCTOBER 12, 2025



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.”
- Lk 17:19



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 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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Recognizing the Presence. Over the years I have been asked to help new priests ease into their first parish assignment. When I first began this, I was 24 years younger than today. But the newly ordained are consistently between 26 and 30. One of the things I remind the newly ordained about is to always be thankful and to show their gratitude for the generosity parishioners show them at Christmas time and at other times during the year. I am very insistent about the need to send thank you cards. Yes, even by snail mail. One person once commented to me that he didn't feel it necessary to send a thank you card because the gift was a thank you to him. That is certainly one way to misinterpret the exchange involved in someone's generosity to us. The gospel today demonstrates the flaw in this position. God is always giving us His gifts, and He looks for our thanks not because He needs it, but because we need to express our gratitude in order to activate the gift given.

The nine Hebrew lepers who are cured make no attempt to express their gratitude. Yet, these should be the first to do so because of their special giftedness as God's chosen people; now made whole and able to return to their duties as faithful Hebrews.

But more is involved here than just "thank-you." Jesus looks for recognition not for himself, like an ego trip, but for who He really is. The nine fail to really see that the Temple of stone is no longer the center of worship, but that Jesus is the perfection of the stone Temple built by Solemn and Herod the Great. The Temple was the place where God choose to dwell, but with the advent of Jesus, God no longer dwelt in the temple because the Temple now had legs, hands and a face; the person of Jesus, the Son of God.

The old Law leant itself towards restricting access to God, placing upon mere mortals the task to make themselves pure/holy by following the precepts of the law. In the new Law, access to God does not depend upon the impossible task of making ourselves pure and holy, but only upon the willingness of the believer to open themselves to God, to seek God, to seek forgiveness. You and I need to provide the proper intention, our willingness to cooperate with God's work in and for us, Jesus supplies all the rest.

The Samaritan recognizes this in Jesus. He knows that he is the locus of God's very Presence and so he throws himself at the feet of Jesus. An action that demonstrates the inner attitude, the intention, to be humbled before God, to trust, and so to be open to God's work.

When we celebrate the Mass we need to take on this same attitude. Even the thanks we give to God is not ours to give, itself is a gift from God. However, the many gifts God gives you and me can easily be overshadowed by our problems. When this happens we misplace the Presence of God; we are blinded to consider God's mercy towards us. For even our "problems" can be used by us to seek out the One who heals us from our personal leprosies. Trust is generally not built during times of prosperity, either financial, emotional, or heath wise. Trust is deepened when it is exercised and that usually happens when things are not smooth.

God does not inflict us with such rough times, but He stands ready for us to come to Him for help/healing. Once we do this we open ourselves to His Will. It might not be what we think we want, or in the time frame we set. But, the more our faith matures, we always realize that Jesus does for us what we exactly need. That realization might come quickly; sometimes it might take years, or even a lifetime. Here trust, and returning to Jesus, like the Samaritan becomes, all the more important.



This is why people who prayed at home still knelt in prayer, because they were not by themselves, they were/are at the feet of Jesus. The bodily posture of kneeling in personal prayer is directly related to stories like this one in the Gospels where people often throw themselves at the feet of the "Temple in the Flesh," Jesus. Such humble trust demonstrates our intention to let God heal us in His way and on His time line.



LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

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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,
1:00 - 4:00 PM in the Chapel**



Cursillo Retreat - Mass, Spiritual Direction, and group discussions.

Open to Catholics 18+.

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.



In Pastoral work, it is always important to make Christian families part of the process of initiation.

First Holy Communion is a key moment, not only for the individual receiving the Sacrament, but also for the entire family, which is supported in its educational role by the whole parish community. **On Sunday, October 12**, we will celebrate with a Mass to start this program for such families.

“Do This in Memory.” At this **11:30 AM Mass**, the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and their families, will begin to participate in the liturgy, through the **“Mass of Enrollment.”** Each child will begin to experience **“Whole Faith Community,”** which goes far beyond the day of First Holy Communion. This exciting program will help the families participate more fully in the celebration of the Eucharist!

“YOU'RE WONDERFUL, YOU'RE MARVELOUS”

The Good Samaritans wish to thank our St. Michael Parish family for their generous response to our recent School Supply Drive, especially during the summer. We would like to acknowledge Kimberly Hoogeveen and the Vacation Bible School Team for their efforts and much needed “Chuck Wagon of Cans of Chili.” We also, thank our Chair Yoga friends, for their generous monetary donation. We value your help and sincerely thank you for your kind sharing!

Learn More about Labors of Love

Join the Labors of Love Ministry and use your knitting, crocheting, or crafting talents to make a difference for those in need. Bring your own project, work at your own pace, and enjoy fellowship with others who share a heart for service. All skill levels are welcome — come create, connect, and give back! The next meeting is October 21 in St. Patrick Hall at 10 AM. Hope to see you then!



Rebuilding Hope Mission Team

On October 4, St. Michael's Rebuilding Hope Mission Team power washed the eaves and repainted the access door at the North of St. Michael's School by the teachers parking lot.



**New Member Registration is next
Sunday after 7:30 AM and
9:30 AM Masses In St. Patrick Hall**



**Blood Pressure, Glucose, and
Oxygen Screenings available
next weekend after 5:00 PM,
7:30 AM, and 9:30 AM Masses.**

Baptism Ministry is available prepare families for the sacrament of Baptism, the gateway to our Catholic faith. Through a presentation and guided walk-through, families learn about the meaning and grace of this sacrament, growing in understanding and readiness to welcome their child into the faith community.

Education and Formation



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!

**We are looking for candy donations
for this event! Unwrapped,
individually-packaged candy can be
dropped off at the church office or
school. Donations will be accepted
through October 15.**

The Essentials of Catholic Liturgy

A Foundational Course for Pastoral,
Liturgical, and Music Ministers

The Essentials of Catholic Liturgy is a foundational course exploring the Mass, the liturgical calendar, sacramental celebrations, and devotions of the Church. Join us on October 15 at 6:00 PM in the St. Amand Room for our third meeting. We will continue to have open group discussions about liturgy led by Danette Lashbrook.

Apples for the Students

Collect your receipts from Strack & Van Til and submit them to St. Michael School. Every dollar spent earns a point towards earning educational equipment. Receipts need to be dated from September 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026. Receipts are due by April 8, 2026. Please drop your receipts off at the school, parish office, or the collection towers.

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Wednesday, October 15, 2025

6:15 - 8:30 PM in St. Patrick Hall

Presentation by Father Marty Dobrzy

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starting at 7:00 PM

Registration Preferred

Registration after all masses Oct. 12

Or call 219-322-4505, ext. 8241 to register

Wine, Water and Pop will be available

Please bring own snacks as desired



FIVE GUYS

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Please participate in the Knights of Columbus fundraiser on October 21, 2025 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM at 1575 US Hwy 41, Schererville, IN 46375. Five Guys will donate 20% of fundraiser sales plus an additional \$1 for every milkshake. Please identify yourself as part of the fundraiser at time of purchase!

RADIATE YOUTH MINISTRY

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



Upcoming Calendar:

October 19: HAYRIDE & BONFIRE NIGHT! (6-8 PM,
Meet at Oak Ridge Prairie: 301 S Colfax St, Griffith, IN)

Questions about Radiate? Please feel free to contact
Mrs. Jeannine Quigley 219-775-5356 or Mrs. Marisa
Richardson 219-730-4735

Join us for Chair Yoga!

October 17 at 8:00 AM

St. Patrick Hall.

Please call Ursula at
219-741-3276
to register.



Please join the Senior
Gems on Oct. 14th at
10 AM in the SE meeting
room for our next meet to
plan for fall activities.
Come join the fun.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The St. Michael Young Adult Group participated in Life Chain on October 5. The life chain consisted of hundreds of pro-life activists standing on Ridge Road from Munster to Lansing praying for an end to abortion.



For our next meeting, join us Friday, October 17 at 7 PM at Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs, 8303 Taft St., Merrillville for Eucharistic Adoration with Fr. Steven. After, we will have a bonfire with s'mores, music, and fellowship. Bring a lawn chair! Questions? Contact AnnMarie Hemmerling at 219-798-3248.

JOIN FR. RICK HOLY



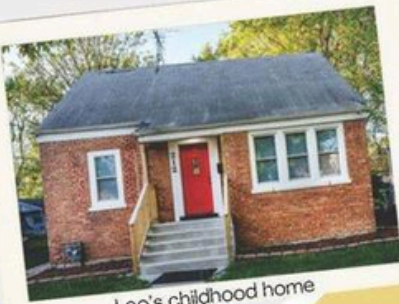
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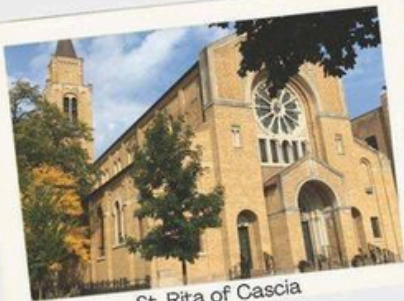
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STELLA MARIS TOURS

Register today online or email Marcie for questions:

 marcie.stellamaristours@gmail.com

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Wheelchair Ramp Ministry

St. Michael's Wheelchair Ramp Ministry installed its 99th ramp in St. John for Michael Ryan and his wife Barbara. This installation was a referral from Rob Olson, our St. Michael's Hospitality Minister lead. Pictured is Michael and Barbara Ryan (left), and Daniel Wladyka & Jared on ramp (right).



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FILIPINO MASS

Let's worship and celebrate as one Filipino Catholic community on the Feast of Our Lady of Pillar.

Tayo'y manalangin at magdiwang bilang isang Pamayanan ng Katolikong Pilipino sa Kapistahan ng Nuestra Senora del Pilar



For more details contact:
Leonora at (219) 771-2068

Para sa karagdagang detalye, makipag-ugnayan kay: Leonora sa (219) 771-2068.

Sunday, October 12 at 5 p.m.

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs - North Campus
801 W 73rd Ave, Merrillville, IN, 46410
Rev. Fr. Dante Quidayan, RCJ



Diocese of Gary

The Filipino Mass will be held every second Sunday of the month except in December 2025.

Ang Misa sa Filipino ay gaganapin tuwing ikalawang Linggo ng bawat buwan, maliban sa Disyembre 2025.

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October 5, 2025

Adult Collection - \$17844.00

Children's Collection - \$80.91

Loose Collection - \$366.00

EFT's - \$7135.12

Vietnamese Mass

Adult - 100.00

Loose - 1844.0

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\$27,370.03

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SPH-St. Patrick Hall

SUNDAY OCTOBER 12

Wine Event Ticket Sales, 7:30 AM-1:00 PM, GS

FF Sunday Class, 9:30-11:00 AM, Gym

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 OCTOBER 13

Centering Prayer 6:00 PM, SW Room

Conference 25 Planning, 5:30-7:00 PM, SE Room

Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, SE Room

TUESDAY OCTOBER 14

Senior Gems Meeting, 10:00 AM, SE Room

Bereavement Sessions 1:30-3:00 PM, SW Room

Faith Formation, 6:00-7:30 PM, Gym

Deanery Planning Meeting, 6:00 PM, SPH

Good Samaritans Meeting, 6:30 PM, SE Room

Young Adult Group, 6:30-8:30 PM, SW Room

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15

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

Children's Choir Practice, 5:00-5:55 PM, Library

Theology Uncorked, 5:00-9:00 PM, SPH

Faith Formation, 6:00-7:30 PM, Gym

Basics of Liturgy Webinar, 6:00 PM, St. Amand Room

THURSDAY OCTOBER 16

K of C Business Meeting, 6:30 PM, St. Amand Room

Music Ministry Practice, 7:00 PM, Church

Confirmation Parent Meeting, 7:00 PM, SPH

Unbound Training, 7:30 PM, SE Room

FRIDAY OCTOBER 17

Chair Yoga 8:00 AM, St. Amand Room

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18

Trunk or Treat, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, School Parking Lot

Finance Council Meeting 9:00 AM

Confessions, 3:15-4:30 PM, Chapel

Wine Event Ticket Sales, 4:30-6:30 PM, GS

Blood Pressure Screenings, After 5:00 PM Mass

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19

Coffee and Donuts after all masses, SPH

New Member Registration after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses.

Blood Pressure Screenings, After All Masses

Wine Event Ticket Sales, 7:30 AM-1:00 PM, GS

OCIA, 9:30 AM– 12:00 PM, SE and SW Rooms



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY	OCTOBER 11	THURSDAY	OCTOBER 16
5:00 PM	✚ Henry Sr. and Patricia Lyza	7:00 AM	✚ Janet Ivkovich
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 12 28TH SUNDAY	FRIDAY	OCTOBER 17
	<u>IN ORDINARY TIME</u>	7:00 AM	✚ Deacon Jack Krol
7:30 AM	✚ Ann Ayersman ✚ Domingo and Margarita Brasileno	SATURDAY	OCTOBER 18
9:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	8:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
11:30 AM	✚ Mary Marsh	2:00 PM	Stewart Anderko and Michelle O'Brien Wedding
MONDAY	OCTOBER 13	5:00 PM	✚ Joseph Heintz
7:00 AM	✚ Gerald and John Verdeyen	SUNDAY	OCTOBER 19 29TH SUNDAY IN
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 14		<u>ORDINARY TIME</u>
7:00 AM	✚ Elizabeth Oberman ✚ Bernard Solis ✚ Gene Wydrinski	7:30 AM	✚ Kristin and John Finley ✚ Jose Macaya ✚ Monica Drzewiecki
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 15	9:30 AM	✚ Aida Colon
7:00 AM	✚ Nancy Gordan	11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
8:55 AM	✚ Jocelyn Burgess		✚ indicates deceased

The Word

(Readings for October 19, 2025, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

reflections

I. Exodus 17:8-13

When Moses raised his arms to God in prayer, the battle went well. So Aaron and Hur supported his arms, lest the attackers defeat Israel. By sunset, Israel won the fight.

II. 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Paul urged Timothy to remain faithful to sacred Scripture because God inspired it. God's inspired word, the source of wisdom in Christ, helps people learn goodness and holiness.




III. Luke 18:1-8

Jesus taught a lesson about the power of persistent prayer by telling the story of a persistent widow who wore down a corrupt judge by continually demanding her rights. The judge issued a settlement in her favor, lest she do him.

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