

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
OCTOBER 19, 2025

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHOSEN

ONES WHO CALL
OUT TO HIM
DAY AND NIGHT.

— LUKE 18:7 —



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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Persistence pays off! It is no secret that reaching certain goals takes time. Before the days of easily obtained credit cards there was “lay-away.” I remember my mother going to the back of the store to pay on some item or items she had on lay-away. Her persistence, like that of many others, obtained many things that were unaffordable if they had to pay all at once.

Over time the concept of putting something on lay-away was too slow because even though you could choose what you wanted, you did not take it home until you had paid for the item in full through the lay-away plan. As credit cards became more predominant, so did the feeling that I should be able to take home anything I wanted and use it while I pay it off. This expectation of near instant gratification seems appealing but has little to do with real life.

It's no secret that Americans are all too often overcome by too much credit card debt. Sometimes its legitimate, like medical debt, but all too often it has more to do with our feeling that I should have what I want, when I want it. Consequently, the credit problem is not mainly one of poverty, but one of prosperity as well. Many people are realizing that prosperity is not being able to buy (usually by credit) everything I want at this very moment. Instant gratification leads to unnecessary debt, and debt leads to a host of other problems.

In real life instant gratification is impossible. Real gratification takes time. Perhaps this is why the slow growing gratification of marriage is not appealing to an age that looks for, indeed expects, instant reward. The only instant gratification available is induced by chemicals, drugs, and alcohol. Notice, these are things that actually suspend reality for the user. A suspension of reality is a lie because reality is not really suspended. On the other hand, reality is made far more complex by this often unchecked desire for instant satisfaction. Yet, the expectation for instant “whatever” grows stronger each year.

In this environment the work of prayer seems archaic. Prayer is not about instant satisfaction. Prayer is about persistence. Whether that may be my private devotional prayer daily, my reading of scripture on a regular basis, or my necessary prayer with God's people with my parish community every week. Prayer is a process, a process that builds. This is why Jesus is so insistent about being faithful to prayer even when it seems to be going nowhere.

Persistence in prayer actually demonstrates the gift of faith on the part of the suppliant. How? It demonstrates your faith that God is attentive to you and that even though it does not always go your way, God still invites you to see His way. Being faithful in prayer, both private and communal, is like the child who is faithful to his/her parents. The parents do not always give what the child asks for but the child does not lose faith in the parents. The child's faithfulness is ultimately a sign of the child's love. So being faithful in our prayer is our way of saying: “I love you God and want to know you better.”
Pray always, never lose heart.



CONFERENCE '25 - This yearly CONFERENCE for lay ministers, now in its 39th edition, will be hosted here at St. Michael's where it began back in 1986. The CONFERENCE is Friday evening and Saturday morning and afternoon, November 14-15. It is primarily for lay ministers, but members of the assembly are welcomed too. All the lay ministers here at St. Michael's are expected to register to renew their ministry. Those who have begun to minister as Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers/Lectors, or Ministers of Care are expected to register for the more complete training CONFERENCE offers. When you register online please make sure you give our parish name “St. Michael the Archangel”, then parish receives a discounted rate. Registration is covered by the parish if you wish. Any questions please contact Janice Gatons, 219-322-4505, ext. 8241.

Spirituality and Worship

LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

Please pray for...

Leo Paratore, Jo & Dave Brown, Bob Kuhn, Rose Ilgi, Blaine Parker, Alice Kolbus, Ken Andersen, Marisa Adams, **Soledad Salinas**, Ruth Marie Sarros, Nicole Villanueva, Sandra Walker, Maria Weller, Marisa Adams, Pat Matz, Sandra Walker 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.

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.

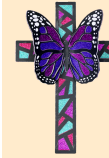
**Come and Spend Time with the Lord—Wednesdays,
1:00 - 4:00 PM in the Chapel**



For Those Who Have Died...

Charles Bielefeld
Gloria Falcone
Mela Castel
Linda Miller

Life has changed, not ended.



Welcome the Newly Baptized

Elizabeth Catherine Wadas
Reese Quinn Carroll
Michael Stanley Stevens
Hailie Jude Stevens



New Member Registration this

Sunday after 7:30 AM and

9:30 AM Masses in St. Patrick Hall.



Join the Knights of Columbus on
October 23 at 6 PM in the chapel
for their monthly rosary.



All Saints Day

Saturday, November 1st

8:00 AM Mass

followed by a procession to the chapel for
Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration will be open until Noon.

All are welcome to come and pray at any time.

Benediction to conclude this sacred time of prayer.

A moment of grace you won't want to miss.



Blessed by
St. Pope John
Paul II

A Special Opportunity of Grace

In 2004, St. Pope John Paul II blessed six monstrances to be used around the world for Eucharistic Adoration, inviting the faithful to pray for an increase in vocations. One of these monstrances, known as the "Vocations Monstrance," was entrusted to Serra International to travel to parishes across North America.

We are blessed to welcome this special monstrance to our diocese—and to St. Michael Parish—as we unite in prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Spend time with the Lord. Pray for vocations. Support those answering God's call.



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Website: www.stmichaelparish.life

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Training and Renewal for ALL Liturgical Ministers

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Questions: Call Janice at
219-322-4505- ext. 8241



ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

ST. MICHAEL VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY INVITES EVERYONE...



**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 2ND**

**Celebrating Faith,
Embracing Tradition,
Sharing Culture,
One Year Together as part
of the St. Michael Parish.**

**BISHOP ROBERT MCCLORY WILL BE
THE CELEBRANT OF THE MASS**
ADDITIONAL CLERGY WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE

BILINGUAL MASS BEGINS AT 6PM
Confessions begin at 5PM.

Vietnamese Dinner to Follow
Please RSVP if you plan to join us!
Call 219.322.4505 by Oct. 27.
Donations will be accepted.

The Respect Life Ministry would like to thank all of you who participated in and supported our Rose Sale on Respect Life Sunday. Due to your overwhelming support, we sold all of our roses. Those who would have purchased roses, had we not run out, made donations instead. We started with 1000 roses. Thanks to your participation and support (over \$1,510) we will be able to continue supporting Lake County Right to Life and the Women's Care Center.



Education and Formation



Class of 1952



Class of 2025

**ENSURING CATHOLIC EDUCATION & FORMATION FOR
GENERATIONS TO COME.**



**ST. MICHAEL
EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Your Gift, Their Future.

Please give to the Education Foundation.
**A second collection will be taken on Nov. 2 to
help secure the long-term future of our school.**

Questions call the parish office: 219-322-4505.

Scan here to
visit the
website
for more
information.



Parish Life



**Coffee and Donuts
after all Sunday
Masses in
St. Patrick Hall.**



**Blood Pressure, Glucose, and Oxygen
Screenings available this weekend
after 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM, and 9:30 AM
Masses in the cloak room.**

STAY CONNECTED WITH ST. MICHAEL PARISH!

Keep up with everything happening by
signing up for Flocknote.
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Email Elizabeth Munoz at emunoz@stmichaelparish.life if you're interested.

\$80 per ticket



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One-of-a-kind Tasting Event

Sunday, November 9, 2025

3-6 pm, St. Patrick Hall



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RADIATE YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Sun, Oct 19: HAYRIDE & BONFIRE NIGHT! (6-8 PM) Meet at Oak Ridge

Prairie Park: 301 S. Colfax, Griffith, IN

Sun, Oct 26: HALLOWEEN PARTY NIGHT! Meet at Adam Nowinski's

HIDDEN CREEK PUMPKIN PATCH (5:30-8 PM)

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

Dress up in Costume / Carve Pumpkins -- BRING TOOLS! / Bonfire / Corn Maze / DIY "Scary" Movie Clips. *In case of inclement weather we will meet in St. Patrick Hall 6-8 PM.*

Any questions about Radiate? Contact Mrs. Jeannine Quigley 219-775-5356 OR

Mrs. Marisa Richardson 219-730-4735

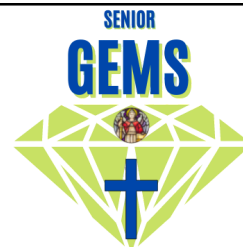


YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Looking for a young adult community with Catholic values?

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

Please join us for our next meeting on Oct. 28 at 10 AM for our activities/surprise meeting. Come and join the fun.



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.

Please identify yourself as part of the fundraiser at time of purchase!

FIVE GUYS

STAY INFORMED

Pastoral Planning General Meeting October 28, 6:00-8:00 PM at Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs South Campus. Presenting Candidate Models for the Future.

ADVENT WREATH SALE

OCTOBER 17TH - NOVEMBER 5TH

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- **Pick Up Date November 22**
after weekend masses.

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QUESTIONS CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE 219-322-4505.



Online Order Form

“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. Additionally, we thank you for your donation of food and household items needed during the summer. Also, 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”. What a great idea and it helped keep us stocked through the summer!! We have many “Special Angels” who so kindly provide needed items for the pantry via Amazon, Sams Club, Costco and local Grocery Stores. YOU, our friends, helped make our summer months manageable! We also, thank our Chair Yoga friends for their generous monetary donation. Once again, our wonderful Parish family answered our request with your kindness and generosity. We value your help and sincerely thank you for your kind sharing.

FCSLA Fall Fundraiser Luncheon

First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Branch 81 members are invited to a luncheon on Sunday, November



2, 1:00 PM at Dynasty Banquets, 4125 Calumet Ave. Doors will open at 12:30 PM. Damar Services, a non-profit charity in East Chicago, (formerly Carmelite Home) will be the benefactor of our fundraiser. We are asking you to kindly bring monetary gifts or checks payable to Damar Foundation. PLEASE NO GIFT CARDS.

Opportunities to purchase raffle tickets and drawings will be available. If you are unable to attend and would still like to bring joy to a child with a donation, you may put it in an envelope marked FCSLA – DAMAR and deposit it in the St. John Rectory drop box. Those attending must RSVP on or before Sunday, October 26 to Becky at 219-801-6665, Cost for guests of members is \$25.



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- Witness Wednesdays
- Fridays with Bishop
- And more!

Stewardship

Weekly Schedule

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.

Stewardship in Action

God hears our prayers. Pray daily for the needs of others. Pray for the sick, homeless, prisoners, our country.

-submitted by Conchita Bryner



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October 12, 2025

Adult Collection - \$15,716.60

Children's Collection - \$184.27

Loose Collection - \$435.00

EFT's - \$3,321.83

Total Weekly Offering

\$19,657.70

Thank you for your generosity!

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19

Coffee and Donuts After All Masses, SPH

Blood Pressure Screenings, After 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses, Cloak Room

New Member Registration After 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses, SPH

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

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

Advent Wreath Sales, After All Masses, GS

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

MONDAY OCTOBER 20

Wine Meeting, 4:30-6:00PM, SW Room

Centering Prayer, 6:00 PM, SW Room

TUESDAY OCTOBER 21

Labors of Love, 10:00 AM, SPH

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

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

Catholic Bible Study, 7:00 PM, SPH

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22

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

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

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

Basics of Liturgy Webinar, 6:00 PM,

St. Amand Room

THURSDAY OCTOBER 23

K of C Rosary, 6:00 PM, Chapel

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

Music Ministry Practice, 7:00 PM, Church

Education Foundation Meeting, 7:00 PM, SE

FRIDAY OCTOBER 24

No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25

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

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

K of C Membership Drive, 4:30-6:30 PM, GS

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26

K of C Membership Drive, 8:30 AM-1:00 PM, GS

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

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

Radiate, 6:00-8:00 PM, St. Amand Room



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>OCTOBER 18</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>OCTOBER 23</u>
5:00 PM	✚ Joseph Heintz	7:00 AM	✚ Vicente Cammayo
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>OCTOBER 19 29TH SUNDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>OCTOBER 24</u>
	<u>IN ORDINARY TIME</u>	7:00 AM	✚ George Doppler
7:30 AM	✚ Kristin and John Finley	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>OCTOBER 25</u>
	✚ Jose Macaya	8:00 AM	✚ Daniel Kuzma
	✚ Monica Drzewiecki	5:00 PM	✚ Kenneth Kollasch
9:30 AM	✚ Aida Colon	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>OCTOBER 26 30TH SUNDAY IN</u>
11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish		<u>ORDINARY TIME</u>
<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>OCTOBER 20</u>	7:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
7:00 AM	✚ Mac Sakal	9:30 AM	✚ Dolores Leluga
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>OCTOBER 21</u>		✚ Joanne Hartog
7:00 AM	✚ Mary Ann Adam		✚ Geraldine and Philip Bruno
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>OCTOBER 22</u>	11:30 AM	✚ Leonard and Len Lula
7:00 AM	✚ William Dahman		
8:55 AM	✚ Barbara Bosak		
			✚ indicates deceased

The Word

(Readings for October 26, 2025, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

reflections...

I. Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

“Though not unduly partial toward the weak,” God hears the cry of the oppressed. God is not deaf to the wail of the orphan or the complaints of the widow. “The Lord is a God of justice.”

II. 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Paul told Timothy that he had fought the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith. Now a crown of victory awaits him when he arrives in the heavenly reign.




III. Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told the story about the Pharisee and the tax collector to help those who placed confidence in their own righteousness while holding others in contempt. Jesus encouraged people to pray with the tax collector, “O God, be merciful to me a sinner.”

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