

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

OCTOBER 26, 2025 30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THE LORD  
HEARS THE  
CRIES OF  
THE POOR.

*Psalms 34*



## 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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Art & Environment

Cross Bearers

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Faith Formation

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Marriage Preparation

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Labors of Love

Ministry of Hope & Consolation

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**Pride of place.** Playing favorites never rests easy with most people unless, of course, you're the favorite of someone. Favoring one child over another or one student over another seems to go against our belief that all should be equal. Though we might feel equality should be the rule of thumb, we are all susceptible to the game of playing favorites. That is what makes God's approach to us so unique. God is not moved by my claim or your claim to "pride of place."

The first reading, from the book of Sirach, makes clear that God plays no favorites. God hears both the rich and the poor because in God's eyes financial, social or even emotional status cannot cloud the fact that essentially we are God's children made in God's image. So, when someone claims that God hates any person, that someone slanders God. God hates no one no matter their color, ethnicity, orientation or sinful nature. People that claim God hates gays or black people or people who are not Christian know nothing of God; their god is their own narrow view.

In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God hears us when we are most humble. Admitting that we have more in common with the people we find hard to like is the first step to real humility. That does not place me either above or far below my fellow believers. Such humility opens us up to God's work in our lives.

In the end, God doesn't seem to care much whose pockets are lined with whose money, or who is surrounded with the current status symbols, or who receives the adulation of the people. The garden-variety sinner, which is you and me, needs to strive to live from the awareness that God is our only hope and source of happiness. This is what humility is, as the word means — "being close to the Earth." Being rooted in God and His law of love brings health to our persons. Depending upon God's abundance will bring to the believer all that you need to live and grow.



**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 welcome too. All the lay ministers here at St. Mike's are expected to register to renew their ministry and those who have begun to minister as Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion or 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" and then the 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.



## LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER

Please pray for...

***Pam Bane, Leo Paratore, Jo & Dave Brown, Bob Kuhn, Rose Ilgi, Blaine Parker, Alice Kolbus, Ken Andersen,*** Marisa Adams, Krista Bane, Jim Morehouse, Mary Hahn, ***Soledad Salinas***, Ruth Marie Sarros, Nicole Villanueva, Sandra Walker, Maria Weller, 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

"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that adoration"

- St Teresa of Calcutta

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



The Mass of Remembrance will be November 3 at 7:00 PM. This is a liturgy of special remembrance for all the faithful departed of the parish, especially those who have died since October 15, 2024.



Diocese of Gary  
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**CONFERENCE '25**

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Questions: Call Janice at  
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**Have you considered  
joining a ministry at  
St. Michael Parish?**

**There are 32  
ministries where you  
can use your time,  
talent, and treasure  
in the Name of Jesus.**



**For Those Who Have Died...**  
Father Patrick Kalich  
**Life Has Changed, Not Ended.**



**Join Art and Environment Ministry October  
28 at 6:30 PM in the SE meeting room to  
discuss preparing the church for the  
seasons of Advent and Christmas.**

## All Saints Day

**Saturday, November 1st**

**8:00 AM Mass**

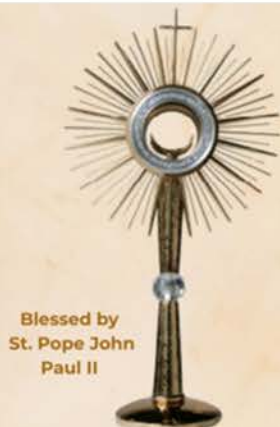
**followed by a procession to the chapel for  
Eucharistic Adoration**

*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.



## Ministry in Action: Wheelchair Ramp Ministry Completes its 100<sup>th</sup> Install!

The St. Michael's Wheelchair Ramp Ministry began after a 2019 NWI Times article about the Kiwanis of Valparaiso building ramps in nearby counties. With their guidance, the effort was brought to Lake County.

Thanks to the support of Deacon Tom Kubik, Fr. Martin Dobrzynski, and the Diocese of Gary's Mercy Fund, the ministry was established within one month. The first ramp was installed on November 2, 2019, in Miller. Since then, more than 100 ramps have been installed throughout Lake County communities including Whiting, East Chicago, Gary, and Crown Point.

Funding has come from the Diocese of Gary Mercy Fund, Legacy Foundation, Praxair-Linde, J.W. Anderson, Franciscan SIPP grants, Crown Point Community Foundation, Schererville Civic Foundation, Lions Club of Dyer, and generous parishioners. This ministry's success is a testament to the power of the Holy Spirit and the good that can happen when faith is put into action. God is good!



100th ramp for William and Nancy Greenfield in Dyer, Indiana. This was Nancy's first time outside all year.

## 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.**

## Education and Formation

### SMS Trunk or Treat Event Has Been Rescheduled.

Date: Sunday, October 26, 1 – 3 PM

Location: St. Michael Church Parking Lot

We'd love for you to join us for a spooky day of fun!

If you'd like to decorate a trunk, scan the QR Code!



**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.

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visit the  
website  
for more  
information.



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**\$80 per ticket**



## The Event That Gets Better Every Time!

### One-of-a-kind Tasting Event

### Sunday, November 9, 2025

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



*Cuisine generously provided by:*

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Scan Here to  
Order Tickets Online or  
call 219-322-4505.

#### STAY CONNECTED WITH ST. MICHAEL PARISH!

Keep up with everything happening by signing up for Flocknote.

Has your contact information changed?

**Are you receiving the Weekly Message every Friday at 12:12 PM?**

If not, join Flocknote or reach out to the parish office so we can make sure you're connected!

Get ready for an amazing part of the year don't miss a moment, stay in the know!

*Keep in touch with us via  
email and text!*



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**Would you like a keepsake from our 150th Anniversary? A limited number of panoramic photos are available — perfect for framing or displaying in your home. Email Elizabeth Munoz at [emunoz@stmichaelparish.life](mailto:emunoz@stmichaelparish.life) if you're interested.**

#### Labors of Love

Join us in making a difference for those in need as we knit, crochet, and craft items to bring warmth and comfort to others. Bring your own project and work at your own pace while sharing your gifts with a caring community. All skill levels are welcome! Our next gathering will be on Nov. 4 at 10 AM in St. Patrick Hall.



#### **SENIOR GEMS**

Join us on Oct 28 at 11 AM at The Shrine in St. John for a tour. You can explore on your own or use a golf cart for \$10 per rider. After we will go for lunch at Bronko's. Come join the fun.

#### Join us for Chair Yoga!

October 31 at 8:00 AM  
St. Amand Room.  
Please call Ursula at 219-741-3276 to register.

#### 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.**

#### **YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

Our next event is on October 29 at 6:30 PM. We will be joining the St. John Evangelist Young Adult Group for their Halloween party and costume contest. Wear your best costume, goofy is encouraged! Location: 9345 Keilman St., St. John. Text or call AnnMarie Hemmerling at 219-798-3248 for more info and to join the GroupMe.

#### **RADIATE YOUTH MINISTRY. ALL TEENS WELCOME!**

**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. For any questions, please contact Mrs. Jeannine Quigley 219-775-5356 OR Mrs. Marisa Richardson 219-730-4735. **NOTE:** In case of inclement weather, we will meet in St Patrick Hall (6-8pm).



# ADVENT WREATH SALE

## OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> - NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

The Advent wreath is a beautiful tradition that helps us prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World. Each candle represents a special gift: hope, peace, joy, and love. ORDER YOUR SPECIAL EDITION WREATH HERE!



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\$20 a set

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- Place your order online or in person.
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- **Pick Up Date November 22**  
**after weekend masses.**

**Payment must be received before pick up date.**

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To place your order complete this form and submit payment.

ORDER can be dropped off at the parish office, or placed in the offering towers. Make checks payable to ST. MICHAEL PARISH. Credit or Debit Card orders must be made over the phone or at the parish office, M-Th, 9am-3pm. All orders are due by November 5th.

**QUESTIONS CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE 219-322-4505.**



Online Order Form





# The Event That Gets Better Every Time!

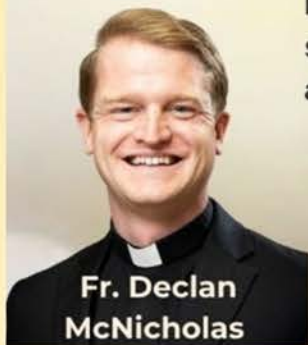
**Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, 3-6 pm, St. Patrick Hall**

**BUY YOUR TICKET AT THE DOOR - \$80 Per Person**

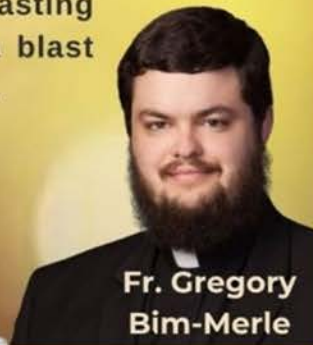
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**Fr. Declan  
McNicholas**



**Fr. Gregory  
Bim-Merle**

*Cuisine generously provided by:*

*Gamba*  
ristorante

*All proceeds to benefit  
the GIFT Campaign.*



## **MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE LIVING ROSARY**

The Respect Life Ministry would like to thank everyone who attended the Living Scriptural Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction held on October 6 in the Church. Thank you to all who helped put it together by preparing the program, coordinating the music, doing the readings and preparing the Church. We also want to thank everyone who participated as a “Live Bead”. Although we did not quite make our “60 beads”, we had wonderful attendance. Although we know it was Our Blessed Mother who inspired everyone to come and participate it was really beautiful to see everyone praying together as a “Living Bead”.



## Stewardship in Action

Consider what being humble is. Write a card of encouragement to someone who is alone such as someone who is sick, grieving the loss of a loved one, or someone in prison.

-submitted by Conchita Bryner



"Faithful Giving, Blessings Abound – Thank you for Your Support." To make online giving easier, please scan the QR code to donate.

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.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

**October 19, 2025**

Adult Collection - \$12,540.00

Children's Collection - \$78.00

Loose Collection - \$476.16

EFT's - \$9,737.30

**Total Weekly Offering**

**\$22,831.46**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Weekly Schedule

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

### 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  
Trunk or Treat 1:00-3:00 PM, Church Parking Lot

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

### MONDAY OCTOBER 27

Centering Prayer, 6:00 PM, SW Room  
Liturgy Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, SE Room

### TUESDAY OCTOBER 28

Senior Gems, 10:00 AM, SPH  
Art and Environment Meeting, 6:30 PM, SE Room  
Catholic Bible Study, 7:00 PM, SPH

### WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29

Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel  
Children's Choir Practice, 5:00-5:55 PM, Library  
Basics of Liturgy Class, 6:30 PM, St. Amand Room  
Festival Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, SE Room

### THURSDAY OCTOBER 30

Music Ministry Practice, 7:00 PM, Church  
Unbound Training, 7:30 PM, St. Amand Room

### FRIDAY OCTOBER 31

Chair Yoga, 8:00 AM, St. Amand Room

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1

Confessions, 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel  
NCYC Radiate Night, 4:00-11:30 PM, SPH  
Wine Event Ticket Sales, 4:30-6:30 PM, GS

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2

Wine Event Ticket Sales, 7:30 AM-1:00 PM, GS  
Advent Wreath Sales, 8:30 AM-1:00 PM, GS  
OCIA, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM, SE and SW Rooms  
Confirmation Sponsor Formation Meeting, 12:30 PM, SPH  
Vietnamese Confessions, 5:00 PM, Church  
Vietnamese 1 Year Anniversary Mass with Bishop, 6:00 PM  
Vietnamese Social Gathering with Bishop, After Mass, SPH





# Mass Intentions

## FOR THE WEEK



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 25</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 30</b>
5:00 PM	+ Kenneth Kollasch	7:00 AM	+ Norma Dobrzynski
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 26 30TH SUNDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 31</b>
	<b>IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	7:00 AM	+ Clairia Spoering
7:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 1</b>
9:30 AM	+ Dolores Leluga + Joanne Janowski + Geraldine and Philip Bruno	8:00 AM	+ Robert Keilor
11:30 AM	+ Leonard and Len Lula	5:00 PM	+ Kyle Arnold
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 27</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 2 ALL SOULS DAY</b>
7:00 AM	Charlene Soy	7:30 AM	+ All Souls
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 28</b>	9:30 AM	+ All Souls
7:00 AM	+ Henry Lyza + Anne Sullivan + Cathleen (Skizas) Lesniak	11:30 AM	+ All Souls
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 29</b>	+ indicates deceased	
7:00 AM	+ Gene Wydrinski		
8:55 AM	+ Barbara Saber		

### The Word

#### (Readings for November 2nd, 2025, All Souls Day)

## reflections...

#### I. Wisdom 3:1-9

“The souls of the just are in God’s hands, safe from torment. Though they may seem to suffer, their hope is full of immortality, and God will reward them with eternal peace and glory.”

#### II. Romans 8:14-23

“All who are led by the Spirit are children of God, sharing in Christ’s sufferings and destined for His glory. Creation itself longs to be set free, awaiting the full redemption of God’s children.”

#### III. Luke 7:11-17

“In the town of Nain, Jesus encounters a funeral procession for a widow’s only son who had died. Moved with compassion, He touches the coffin and brings the young man back to life, revealing God’s power over death and bringing hope to all who believe.



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